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RECORD RAINS CAUSED BY GULF STORM

Nazis Hint War With U. S. If Britain Is Given Foreign Ships Tied Up Here

ASK ENVOYS BE RECALLED FOR SPYING

Gravest Crisis Of War Indicated Now

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

BERLIN—(AP)—An official spokesman of the German foreign office charged Saturday that Britain's minister of shipping was "inciting America to commit a warlike act" against the Axis and, in carefully chosen words, added that the United States' reaction "is being awaited by Germany with extraordinary interest."

The occasion for this solemn and emotional statement was a press conference weighted with gravity; the reason, an interview given the American press in London Friday by Ronald Cross, the British shipping minister, who suggested assignment of the British of the German and Italian ships which are tied up in neutral United States harbors.

Vitally Interested

The German spokesman, in an aside, added: "The Reichs government is therefore centering its entire attention upon this (United States) reaction."

(Informed but unofficial political sources in Rome said delivery of Axis ships to Britain by the United States would be "unfriendly" and "unneutral" and expressed confidence it would not happen.)

Nearly coinciding with the foreign office conference, it was announced officially that the German government has asked the United States state department to recall three members of the staff of the United States embassy in Paris on charges that they helped a British officer to escape.

These three are Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, formerly of Asheville, N. C., a receptionist who recently was detained for several days of German military occupation authorities in Paris; Cecil M. P. Cross,

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VALLEY RIVER BRIDGE SOLD

Miller To Sign Final Papers Monday

McALLEN—Sam L. Miller of McAllen announced Saturday that he had purchased a controlling interest in the Valley Bridge Co., which has just completed a new suspension bridge across the Rio Grande between Reynosa and Hidalgo.

The announcement confirmed rumors which had been heard concerning the transaction for several weeks but not previously authenticated.

A contract to purchase controlling stock of the bridge company was executed 10 days ago, Miller said. Final legal papers closing the deal will be signed Monday.

No Sellers Named

Miller made the announcement from his home here, where he has been confined with a mild attack of influenza. The former bank president declined to reveal names of the stockholders from whom he purchased his interest.

Miller's interest in the international bridge at Hidalgo is of long standing. Earlier this year he had announced his intention of seeking permission to build a self-liquidating bridge adjacent to the present structure which would be donated to the state highway department as a free bridge after investors in the project had been paid back out of tolls.

Miller went so far as to obtain title to land adjoining the present bridge site and to revive an old company formed some 15 years ago which owned a bridge permit, granted by congress but never utilized. His plan for a competing bridge apparently was shelved when Miller was able to purchase control of the present structure.

New Construction

Concurrent with his bridge announcement, Miller revealed that plans have been prepared and are ready for submission on to the government for building new accommodations for the customs, immigration and public health services at Hidalgo. As soon as these planes are approved, construction will begin.

The new suspension bridge which cost about $120,000, was opened for traffic only a week ago. Workmen are still putting finishing touches on the bridge sidewalks. The new bridge replaces a pontoon bridge which has been in use more than a year, since the old suspension bridge fell into the river. The old bridge fell on November 12, 1939, killing one motorist who was driving across. Since the new bridge opened, traffic betwee Mexico and this country has increased 30 per cent, bridge authorities have reported.

Another Star Is Born

'Christmas Star' New Comet, Seen In West

AUSTIN—(AP)—Adding to the Yuletide illumination displays is a brilliant comet which will be visible to the naked eye from now until January 13, flaring brightest about January 1.

Dr. Otto Struve, director of the University of Texas McDonald Observatory, reported Saturday the comet will be visible just after sundown immediately above—and its tail pointed away from—the western horizon.

Texas and University of Chicago astronomers have arranged three sets of cooperative observations bearing on the comet which has been dubbed Comet Cunningham after its discoverer, a Harvard University astronomer.

Xmas Business Soars

Best Since 1929 Predicted As Money Flows In Steady Stream; Defense Program Aids

By The Associated Press

Big Christmas shopping crowds rolled up substantial trade gains in a war-time spending splurge at busy industrial centers, a nation-wide survey showed.

Many merchants reported the best Christmas trade since 1929 as workers from defense-stimulated industries poured their extra pay into retail channels. Some said the buying broke all records.

Increased factory employment and over-time wages in the drive to speed defense output augmented the buying power of millions. Government figures indicated national income this year had climbed at least $4,000,000,000 above the 1939 total.

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Money Flows But Inflation Is Not Expected

By IRVING PERLMETER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Like firemen who purchase equipment for fighting a catastrophic blaze which may never develop, administration economists are devising methods of combatting inflation from the multi-billion dollar defense program, although saying they do not expect it.

Officials Not Alarmed

Admittedly, the current situation, with the government putting unprecedented sums of money in circulation in the acquisition of weapons, contains elements tending to increase prices. After prolonged study, however, the professional economists in the government are of the opinion that there is no real threat of inflation.

In general, here are their tentative conclusions:

1. There will be slightly higher prices and greater mass spending power in terms of dollars (although those dollars may not buy as much as at present).

2. After a decade of depression, the country can stand such a mild inflation, if it can be called that; perhaps ought to have it.

3. If real inflation threatens, it can be checked.

Over-simplified, what causes an inflation is this: When money is plentiful, a large number of would-be buyers bid against each other for a desired article and boost the price. The seller, naturally, will take all he can get.

May Force Savings

One of the methods the economists have discussed for preventing this situation is government compulsion to force people to save part of their money instead of spending it. In England, this method is practically in operation already, except that moral and patriotic pressure has been substituted for government edicts in coercing the people to save.

Usually, this method has been defined as a law requiring citizens to put a portion of their earnings in the bank each week or month.

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Waive Strike Right

NEW YORK—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover declared Saturday night that employers and employes in essential war industries should waive their respective rights of lockout and strike "in favor of arbitration."

Hal Kemp Dies

Swingmaster Victim Of Auto Crash

MADERA, Calif.—(AP)—Hal Kemp, the swingmaster, who aspired to be a symphony conductor, died here Saturday.

The 36-year-old bandmaster died from pneumonia which developed from injuries he received in an automobile accident near here Wednesday.

It was Kemp's orchestra that the Duke of Windsor often danced to in London clubs when he was Prince of Wales. One night the prince played the drums in Kemp's band.

DEFENSE GOAL IS OUTLINED BY KNUDSEN

Maximum Production Sacrifices Urged

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The new defense high command Saturday set as its goal maximum production "in every field which can contribute to victory" and asked for cooperation of "every element in the American community."

The expression of purpose was made by William S. Knudsen, director of the office for production management of the defense commission, in a statement at the close of a day which saw these concrete steps in the rearmament program: Extension of the export control system to 15 additional items, including chemicals useful in production of war gases and aviation gasoline.

Navy Orders Placed

Placing of navy orders totalling $284,218,700 for submarine chasers and auxiliary vessels, included were four ships designed for placing anti-submarine nets at entrances to strategic harbors.

Selection of a site at Tulsa, Okla., for a plant which will assemble planes from parts made in automobile factories. Similar plants already have been allocated to Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo.

Award of a $6,756,399 contract to the Hercules Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., for operation and equipment of a powder bag loading plant near Pulaski, Va. This plant will operate in connection with the $36,000,000 powder plant the same firm is building for the government at Radford, Va.

"Recognize Full Crisis"

Knudsen asked the American people to recognize "the full gravity of the crisis" in the world and "figuratively to pull off their coats and roll up their sleeves and give their concentrated, undivided attention to one thing—the swiftest possible production of means of defense."

He said "the contest which produced this crisis is irreconcilable in character and cannot be terminated by any methods of appeasement."

"Both the future security of the

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British Shoot Down 144 Italian Planes

LONDON—(AP)—The British, using Adolf Hitler's own blitzkrieg tactics, knocked out "at least" 144 Italian planes in the first 12 days of their North African offensive while losing only 13 of their own, the air ministry news service reported Saturday night.

Eighty-eight of the Fascist planes, the news service said, were shot down in the air and 56 destroyed on the ground or captured. Pilots of five of the 13 British planes lost were reported safe.

Italy To Take Suez?

ROME—(AP)—The Suez, as the vital point in the Mediterranean, "will be reached by Italian troops" despite "the violent shock" in Libya, the Fascist weekly Relazioni Internazionali declared Saturday.

Moderate Disturbance Located As Downpours Close Valley Roads

RAINS SLATED TO INCREASE FRUIT PRICES

Growers Warned To Expect More

By HARRY FOEHNER

HARLINGEN—The Valley is all set to reap big dividends from this week's rains although suffering temporary discomfort from the dreary drizzle which persisted far into the night Saturday with prospects for more Sunday.

Although the rains held up harvesting of fruit intended for holiday gift packages, thus depriving many of their Christmas grapefruit and oranges, there already was a noticeable reaction in the markets to prospects for curtailed supplies for at least a week and possibly two. Shippers with fruit in their houses were already reporting better prices.

Vegetables Helped

Vegetable crops were expected to benefit and range lands to become covered with verdant grass for grazing.

"This is a good time of the year to stop, look and listen instead of shipping out fruit in great quantities and the enforced harvesting holiday will do the market a lot of good," said William A. Brunton, sales manager for the Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange at Weslaco. We have always felt the demand was going to come after the first of the year or after February 1."

The exchange has sent out bulletins to its member associations asking them to be very cautious in the harvesting of fruit not only to prevent a heavy movement to market but also to prevent trouble which usually develops when wet fruit is shipped. Decay sets in much

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Nazi Guns Fire On Kentish Coastline

DOVER, Eng.—(AP)—The big German guns of Cap Gris Nez opened fire across the Straits of Dover Saturday shortly after 9 p. m. (2 p. m. CST), breaking a week's silence.

The shelling was heavy. Towns on the Kentish coast were shaken by the crash of the shells, coming at 3-minute intervals for a quarter of an hour.

Army Uses Objectors

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Plans are being worked out, draft headquarters said Saturday, to employ conscientious objectors to military service on reforestation and soil conservation projects.

1940 Sir Walter Raleigh

No, chivalry is not dead these days. But it's changed. Sir Walter Raleigh threw his cape in the mud for a queen to step on, but the 1940 Sir Walter Raleigh picks up his queen and carries her through the mud and water. For example, note the couple above, photographed on Harlingen's main street Saturday during the record rain. (Photo by Jack Purnell.)

PORT ISABEL ISOLATED BY HIGH WATER

Heaviest Rains Since 1939 Hit Area

HARLINGEN — A steady downpour which has already exceeded all other rains since the 1933 hurricane continued to fall at midnight Saturday as the U. S. Weather Bureau said a moderate tropical disturbance located in the Gulf of Mexico was to blame and raised storm warnings from Brownsville to Corpus Christi.

So heavy has been the rain during the past 72 hours that Saturday motorists were warned against trying to reach Port Isabel. The highway between Los Fresnos and the port is under several feet of water. Later Saturday water covered the highway between Los Fresnos and Barreda, and travel was impractical over that route.

Continued rainfall was predicted for Sunday and Monday. No change in temperature is expected.

Storm Warnings Raised

The weather bureau advisory read: "Northwest storm warnings ordered 9 p. m., Brownsville to Corpus Christi, and small craft warnings indicated north of Corpus Christi to Port Eads, La. Disturbance of apparently moderate intensity located in central portions of the west Gulf of Mexico, apparently moving slowly eastward or east-northeastward will be attended by strong northwesterly winds on the Lower Texas coast and fresh to occasionally strong north and northeast winds on the upper Texas and Louisiana coasts tonight and Sunday."

W. J. Schnurbusch, Brownsville Weather Bureau chief, said barometer reading was puzzling. Although high Saturday night, it had climbed and dropped erratically during the afternoon. He indicated the storm was similar to a summer disturbance. He said it was of moderate intensity.

Port Isabel residents were advised to stay at home as strong winds and unusually high waves accompanied the rain there. Persons living on piers moved ashore. All boast were tied up in the channel as the weather became worse Friday night. Only incident

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GREEKS TAKE NEW HEIGHTS

War Material Seized In Saturday Drive

ATHENS —(AP)— Greek forces pushing deeper into Albania have captured new fortified heights in the Tepeleni-Klisura sectors and have taken 300 prisoners and a quantity of war material, a government spokesman reported Saturday night.

He declared the Greeks also were continuing their advance in other sectors, especially in the coastal region toward Chimara.

Important Italian positions also were taken in the north beyond Pogradetz, the spokesman said.

Concrete Forts Fall

"Fascist positions on the mountain heights naturally are strong and fortified also by concrete but these machine gun nests have been abandoned under the bayonets of charging Greeks."

British-Greek forces in close collaboration were reported to have struck sharply against Italy by land, sea and air.

British fliers participated in two of these, directly in their own attacks at Italy's home and Albanian bases and in support of Greek troops in the front lines.

By air—RAF bombers based in Greece were said to have bombed oil tanks and railways overnight at the Italian port of Brindisi, across the Adriatic Sea from Albania, setting off "large fires" and "several explosions."

Also, the RAF reported attacks

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Finn Ship Arrives

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Finnish freighter Carolina Thorden, pock-marked with the machine-gun bullets of a Nazi warplane and carrying the rescued crew of the mined Greek freighter Dionssios Stathaos, dropped anchor in the lower bay Saturday.

Princess Mary Talks

NEW YORK—(AP)—Princess Mary, of England, president of the British Girl Guides, will make her first trans-Atlantic radio broadcast at 9:45 a. m. (CST) Sunday over the network of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

CRASH KILLS VALLEY MAN

Edinburg Hunter Dies At Monterrey

EDINBURG—Badly injured when the car in which he was returning from a Tampico hunting trip plunged off a highway embankment 25 miles south of Monterrey, Joe Baldridge, 34-year-old Edinburg finance firm operator, died at a hospital in the latter Mexican city Saturday morning.

A. Y. Baker, Jr., and Tommy Faires, both of Edinburg, who were with Baldridge, sustained only minor injuries.

Baker and Faires will return to Reynosa by train Sunday afternoon, they informed Baker's brother, Gillespie, of Edinburg, Saturday by telephone.

Baldridge's body remains at Monterrey.

Driver Is Blinded

The accident took place, the brother was told, when the Edinburg car met another at a narrow, gravelled curve on the highway. Blinded by the lights of the approaching car, the Edinburg driver moved his car too close to the edge of the road and it tumbled over and down the embankment. How far it fell was not learned.

One of Baldridge's ears was almost torn off and he sustained other head injuries.

Wait 2 Hoours

The men were forced to wait for more than two hours on the highway before a passing Monterrey-bound motorist picked them up and took them to that city. A few moments after a doctor at the hospital began to treat Baldridge, the Edinburg man died. He had never lost consciousness.

Among his survivors are Dair Baldridge of Edinburg, prominent produce shipper, and Ray Baldridge, who operates a recreation hall here. There are several other brothers and sisters, in addition to his mother, who resides at Lyford but who was visiting in Edinburg at the time news of the fatal accident was received.

No local funeral arrangements had been announced.

The party of three Edinburg men had left last Monday on the Tampico trip. They were due to arrive here on the return trip Saturday afternoon, having planned to reach Monterrey early Saturday morning.

INVASION WEATHER

DOVER, England—(AP)—Searchlights from both sides of the Strait of Dover swept the starry sky Saturday night. Parachute flares gleamed over the French coast. Mist curtained the waters of the English channel off Calais and Cape Gris Nez.

Sheriff Pleads For Safety On Roads

EDINBURG—An appeal to Valley drivers to remove the sting of death from their Christmas celebrations came Saturday from Hidalgo county's sheriff, R. T. (Bob) Daniel.

In a warning against holiday traffic accidents, the sheriff pointed to the excessive death toll on Valley highways already this year—now standing at 83—and claimed that serious attention should center on safety during the light-hearted Yule period.

Pavements Slick

Especially in view of week-end weather conditions, Daniel said extra precautions should be taken by all drivers against accidents on slick pavement.

"Let's pay some attention to the children, too," he urged. 'Thousands of them are out of school for the holidays, and their safety is our responsibility if we are going to drive our cars." Daniel expressed the hope that un-

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TROOPS GUARD IN MATAMOROS

Reason For Calling Out Men Vague

MATAMOROS — Federal troops were stationed Saturday night outside the Matamoros city hall, to prevent possible disorder, after being called by Mayor Francisco Zarate. No disorders had occurred in the city Saturday, and exact purpose of the troops was not disclosed.

Agrarians of the vicinity, however, had supported candidacy of Antonio De Leon, declared by state congress of Tamaulipas Saturday to have been elected mayor of Matamoros in December 1 election. Whether fear of possible agrarian coup d'etat was cause of the presence of the troops was not revealed.

Mayor Zarate had unofficially backed candidacy of Tomas Saro, supposed to be PRM candidate for the place. De Leon was an independent candidate. Earlier Saro had claimed victory.

Committee of five Tamaulipas congressmen had watched the election, and Saturday made their report to the congress in special session, held by Attorney General Jacobo Martinez, provisional governor in absence of Governor Marte R. Gomez. The congress Saturday declared De Leon the winner, issuing certificate signed by Martinez.

Toys, Candy, Bits Of Tinsel Litter London Streets As Christmas Celebrants Killed In Night Air Raid

BRITISH RUSH EXTRA FORCES

Italians Making Final Stand At Bardia

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—The British moved more reinforcements Saturday to Bardia, besieged Libyan port where the Italians are making their first real stand against Britain's 13-day-old North African campaign.

The town now has been cut off for two days with the best part of two Italian divisions inside and British guns turned on it from land and sea. Field forces are reported officially to be striking beyond that smoking stronghold toward the important Fascist base of Torbruk, clearing areas to the west and northwest.

Fight To Finish?

Whether Bardia's beleaguered Italians intend to fight to the finish or surrender is a question to which there was no answer so far from British military sources.

The Fascists, it was pointed out, may have instructions to hold on as long as possible to give Marshal Rodolfo Graziani time to reorganize his scattered forces farther west—at Tobruk, for instance, which has strong defenses.

Bardia also is strongly defended and British headquarters indicated

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Pigs Create Panic

BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—Three pigs flying swastika flags were set loose on elegant Florida street Saturday, causing a mild panic. Police rounded up the pigs but could not learn who loosed them.

Tenement Packed With Poor Celebrating Holidays Leveled By Huge Bomb

By The Associated Press

LONDON—An undetermined number of Londoners who had been holding parties to celebrate the coming of Christmas were killed Saturday night in a tenement house smashed by a German bomb.

In the street outside lay bits of tinsel and a star from atop a Christmas tree. Amidst the rubble of furniture, bricks, children's toys and Christmas decorations lay bodies in their respectable "Sunday best."

Men and women who a little while before had been singing carols and exchanging Christmas puddings and candy stood dumbly about the ruins.

Like "Hammer Blow"

"It came like a hammer blow," one man said. "My wife and I were out in the kitchen fixing some food. Inside they were singing 'God Rest Ye, Merrie Gentlemen' and laughing and shouting. Suddenly we heard that awful whoosh of a falling bomb. Thank God my kids are with their grandmother in the country.

"There's what's left of the party," he said with a gesture at the broken homes.

There had been parties all around the district, some in air raid shelters and others in homes. When the sirens sounded most of the people

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Pun-Loving Felons Stage Play At Pen

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—"Stars in stripes of 1940"—that's the name some pun-loving prisoner has selected for the annual Christmas play at Ohio penitentiary.

The program for the presentation describes it as a "colossal collection of scintillating songs, gorgeous gags, delirious dances, magnificent music. One hundred men—100—count 'em."

AIR INVASION IS EXPECTED

English Prepare For Parachute Troops

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON—(AP)—Expectation of a new, formidable threat of invasion from the air was widely supported Saturday night by responsible military and air sources who declared that Germany would send over an enlarged Luftwaffe and thousands of parachute troops in an attempt to beat Britain to her knees before spring.

The air correspondent of the well-informed Sunday Times said that the "new threat as forecast by Lord Beaverbrook comes more plainly from the air," an opinion backed by neutral and British air sources. Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, warned Britain this week against letting down her guard.

May Come By Night

These sources suggested that the comparative immunity of night bombers over Britain probably may be encouraging the Germans to try landing by parachutists and aerial troops transports at night.

Observers remark hopefully that

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BLOODY XMAS IS FORECAST ON US ROADS

50 Fatalities Seen This Week-End

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN —(AP)— The bloodiest Christmas on record was predicted in 1940 traffic fatalities over last year.

The upward trend probably will continue, they opined gloomily, because of heavy Christmas traffic which normally takes the year's biggest few-day toll.

49 Last Year

Christmas week-end last year claimerd 49 lives, leading to a forecast of a possible 50 fatalities on Dec. 24 and 25 this year.

In hopes of upsetting their prophecy, 200 highway patrolmen will climb into cars at daybreak Dec. 24 and begin a 48-hour vigil along some 20,000 miles of arteries on which accidents are most frequent.

1733 More Deaths

Death probably will put new names on the record of 1940 highway slaughter which is now only 38 persons short of 1939's toll of 1,583. Indications were for 1,733 or more deaths this year which would be the largest since a record breaking 2,043 in 1937.

Surveying the 11-month record, officers found Dallas leading the big city group in safety results with 17 fatalities or 5.80 per 100,000 population, based on 1940 census. Houston followed with 49 blots on its record, a rate of 12.69.

Bracket Rankings

Rankings in the 50,001-100,000 population bracket included Amarillo 3 and 5.83; Corpus Christi 4 and 6.96; El Paso 8 and 8.27; Waco 12 and 21.49.

Tyler led cities in the 25,001-50,000 group with no deaths. Other records: Laredo 2 and 5.14; Port Arthur 3 and 6.59; San Angelo 2 and 7.75; Wichita Falls 5 and 11.13; Lubbock 5 and 15.83; Abilene 6 and 21.89.

City Records

Denison, Corsicana, University Park, Pampa, Bryan and Sweetwater tied for first with spotless records in the small cities rankings.

Other records: Big Spring 1 and 7.93; Brownsville 2 and 9.03; Borger 1 and 9.99; Paris 2 and 10.72; Temple 2 and 13; Harlingen 2 and 15.10; Marshall 3 and 16.30; McAllen 2 and 16.90; Longview 3 and 21.79; Greenville 5 and 36.20.

DEFENSE GOAL IS OUTLINED

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United States and the total defense for our democratic principles in this world wide contest," he continued, "demand that every resource of capital and management and maximum effort on the part of labor shall be ceaselessly employed to provide means of defense against attack.

"The office of production management has but one mission—production—production to the maximum of American resources in capital and labor, in management and industry, in every field which can contribute to victory."

Export Control Extended

The extension of the export control system by order of President Roosevelt took in cobalt, various plastic moulding and testing machines, equipment and plans for producing aviation lubricating oil, and bromine, ethylene, ethylene dibromide and methylamine.

The action does not automatically bar export of these products, but requires a government license befor they can be sent from the country. Previously, the licensing system had been applied to 58 products including aviation gasoline and scrap iron.

Saturday's additions were described officially as "for the purpose of perfecting" previous lists.

Bromine is a heavy liquid useful for poison warfare gas. Combined with ethylene, it is used to make ethylene dibromide, which in turn is used in making the ethyl fluid which is an ingredient of aviation gasolines.

Just Precautionary

Exports of those chemicals have been relatively insignificant, an official said. One person expressed the belief that their addition to the list may have been a precautionary measure. Japan has been a purchaser of the chemicals.

Thirty-one vessels were included in the navy's contracts for auxiliaries and while the navy did not disclose the number or size of the submarine chasers ordered, the terms of the announcement indicated about 30 of the small craft were involved.

In connection with the auxiliary building program, the navy announced it had agreed to pay $6,000,000 for additional facilities at five shipyards.

In addition to the four net layers, the auxiliary vessels ordered included two mine layers, 13 seaplane tenders, three destroyer tenders, two submarine tenders, five submarine rescue vessels and two repair ships. The submarine rescue craft are the first to be built by the navy specifically for that purpose. Vessels now doing that work were converted from other types.

Santa Claus Flies

BOSTON—(AP)—Hauled through the skies by a spinning propeller instead of a prancing reindeer team, Santa Claus flies again tomorrow to bring Christmas to the isolated men who from New England's lonely lighthouses keep shipping safe.

Fireworks
FREE PUNK
76 TAXI CO.
Harlingen

Downpour Fills Harlingen Streets Level

Building a Mississippi levee to keep West Harrison street floodwaters from entering the Valley Tire Store the photographer caught T. O. Potter wielding a shovel late Saturday evening. With water over the sidewalk in the 600 block of Harrison every passing car would send a miniature tidal wave into business houses along the block.

The young lady pictured above crossing the alley on A street, between Jackson and Van Buren, seems to have found a fur coat and fur turban most practical for braving Saturday's rain. In a mad dash between the raindrops she didn't give the photographer time to get her name, much less her phone number.

RAID HITS XMAS FUN IN LONDON

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stayed in their houses, believing it would be just another "light night."

Then They Were Dead

Then they were dead on the pavements or peering sadly into wrecked homes. The wounded had been taken to hospitals. Children still clutched cheap toys in the cold.

Firemen worked in the tenement wreckage. There seemed little hope that anyone below was alive—the bomb had been a big one. As they worked, pathetic mementoes of the party were shoveled out into the street—a bag of Christmas candies and a red and white figure of Santa Claus.

There probably were 150 people in the tenement at the time the bomb fell. The number of dead cannot now be released.

Waves Of Bombers

German fliers had bombed a London apartment house earlier in the day, causing an undetermined number of casualties there. As they renewed the assault on the city Saturday night on this, the longest night of winter, raiders were reported crossing the southeast coast at great height in at least two waves.

Liverpool and other Merseyside towns were assaulted for the second successive night. The Nazi air attacks—which followed by 24 hours heavy British raids upon Berlin—extended from the English Channel to the Irish Sea.

German planes darted over the Liverpool area at the rate of one a minute, beginning the attack shortly after dark.

Casualties Few

Earlier reports indicated working class districts suffered heaviest; but after the raid had been in progress for some time and many bombs had been dropped there had been no fatal casualties, so far as could be learned.

One public shelter was hit and several people were taken to a hospital.

The raiders first dropped flares and then high explosives.

The most spectacular battle of the day started nearly seven miles aloft and ended only 50 feet above the channel waters. A Spitfire dived at a German bomber, it was said, and, chasing it over the water, caught it with a machine gun burst. The bomber crashed in flames, it was reported.

In Liverpool, hard hit in raids of Friday night, men dug into the wreckage of a bombed hotel for victims. Among those reported killed were several firemen who died in line of duty.

Anti-Nazi Films In Mexico Are Guarded

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—Police assigned special guards Saturday to all theaters showing anti-Nazi films and to all meetings of an anti-Nazi nature in an effort to halt a series of organized disturbances by groups crying "Heil Hitler" and throwing stench bombs, tear gas and itch powder.

'Charitable' Christmas Spirit Costs Woman Who Gave Hitch-Hiker A Ride $5,200 In Her Bag And Her Charity

BOSTON—(AP)—Giving a ride to a hitch-hiker because the Christmas season made her feel "charitable" cost a Roxbury beauty shop operator $5,200, she told police —money intended for a fur coat, a diamond ring and a South American cruise.

Mrs. Dorothy L. Millette, 40, said she picked up a youth of about 23 while driving through Brookline on her way to deposit the sum in a bank.

Quiet and well-mannered, the boy had little to talk about except the weather. When he left the car after a brief ride, Mrs. Millette said, he mumbled thanks and added "I hope you have a Merry Christmas."

A few blocks further on, the driver discovered that her black leather bag containing the money was gone.

FRUIT PRICES TO INCREASE

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earlier when wet fruit is shipped or fruit picked too soon following rains, Brunton said.

"I don't see how anyone possibly can get into orchards for harvesting before the middle of the week or Thursday," Brunton said.

May Delay Harvesting

A. J. (Frenchy) LeFort, Harlingen shipper, expressed the belief that the rains will hold up harvesting all of next week. He said picking crews could not get in some places Thursday and that it may be ten days before harvesting is possible in some orchards.

Manager W. E. Allen of the Stuart Place Citrus Association said that he did not look for much fruit to be harvested before first of the year because of the mud.

Combined track holdings on 16 principal receiving markets amounted to 88 cars of grapefruit, 276 of oranges and 16 of mixed citrus.

The rains were also expected to benefit the condition of citrus fruit trees and of vegetable crops now coming to maturity. The rains were deemed more beneficial than damaging to truck crops.

Ranchmen Happy

The dry land ranch district of the Valley, whose rolling thousands of acres from Zapata and Starr counties on the west and Willacy county on the east have been thirsty for the past seven years, relished what ranch owners called a "general rain."

Precipitation ranging from two to six inches blanketed the huge pastures throughout the country north and west of Edinburg. Cattlemen said it was the most valuable moisture their lands had received since the hurricane in 1933. They explained that brief rains in the past has failed to prove very valuable—even the recent five-inch downpour which struck the ranches several weeks ago—but that the soaking new downpours would bring out vast new crops of pasture grass.

Traffic to and from the ranches was almost at a standstill because of the condition of dirt roads but so unusual was the moisture at some points, however, that ranch hands called in by long distance telephone to report to owners.

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BRITISH PUSH EXTRA FORCES

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Saturday it would take considerable more artillery shelling and aerial bombardment before a ground assault can be launched.

The British hold that the final outcome is not in doubt and that they have had few casualties so far but there is no reason for wasting manpower.

Tripoli Is Raided

Striking far in advance of the land forces, the RAF Friday night was reported to have carried out a heavy raid on the Castel Benito airdrome, near Tripoli on the coast, almost all the way across Libya to the Tunisian frontier.

The bombers hit five hangars at the airdrome, a special communique said, destroying 19 planes and damaging others.

In the areas beyond smoking Bardia, the British command reported capture of 900 prisoners, along with four guns, added to more than 30,000 already taken captive.

Bardia itself, already reported fixed in a cirle of steel formed half by the land forces and half by British warships intermittently shelling the town from the Mediterranean, appeared to be taking mighty punishment.

While British artillery thundered at the town, still more British troop reinforcement were being brought up, general headquarters said.

Spanish Taxes Hiked

MADRID—(AP)—A new law boosting taxes for Spaniards in practically all fields and creating new taxes on the purchase of such articles as salt and soap will be published in the official bulletin Sunday.

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GREEKS TAKE NEW HEIGHTS

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Friday on Berati, at a vital road junction on the Albanian front, and on an Italian airfield.

By land—Greek infantrymen, hammering at the gates of Tepeleni and Klisura, were said to have taken two villages and two strategic heights in the Tepeleni area, overcoming cold, stubborn Italian resistance and strong barbed wire barriers. An Italian colonel and two battalions were said to have been captured in fierce fighting around Tepeleni.

By sea—a naval communique Saturday said a Greek destroyer force preceded the British battleship-cruiser-destroyer armada which was reported yesterday to have pushed into the lower Adriatic Dec. 18 and shelled Valona, Italy's port of entry into southern Albania.

Record Is Given

Air Vice Marshal John Henry D'Albiac, commander of the RAF in Greece, summarized the RAF record thus:

Fighters—39 Italian craft destroyed and 12 probably destroyed; one RAF pilot killed and one missing.

Bombers—70 raids carried out, 120 tons of bombs dropped, nine aircraft lost.

The Italian air force, on the other hand has been ineffective and misdirected, Albiac declared.

He laid the British success to good fighting spirit and perfect coordination during air combat.

One instance illustrating morale, he said, occurred when a gunner kept his weapon firing despite such cold that he suffered frostbite that may cost him his fingers.

INFLATION IS NOT EXPECTED

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One of the other ways figuring in Washington theoroizing would simplify the plan further by requiring employers to pay part of the payroll in government bonds instead of cash.

The idea is to keep people from bidding up prices by depriving them of the cash used in the process.

May Use Taxes

Others in prominent places think that taxes and special price and material controls can be used to strike at industrial price inflations.

Not the least of the restrictive methods contemplated is moral suasion. There's no law against raising prices, but people who do it are apt to hear from some important people about it.

As perhaps a final resort, the economists said, inflation could be made impossible by law, as is done in Germany, where the government sets prices and wages.

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PORT ISABEL IS ISOLATED

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created by the storm, however, was a fire at Isabel Tourist Courts at 3:20 p. m. Saturday. Men were working on the main line near the courts, owned by Mayor T. R. Hunt, when water caused a short, resulting in a sudden blaze quickly extinguished by the volunteer fire department.

"Worst Since 1933"

Port Isabel residents said the storm was the "worst since 1933" but the Coast Guard said there was nothing to be alarmed about.

At Brownsville, where well over five inches fell during 24 hours, the airport was described as a "lake" by airline employes. Scheduled flights continued to be made into and out of Brownsville, however, although the ceiling was low.

Oldtimers said the city was approaching the situation in which it found itself during the heavy rains of 1915 and 1916 when considerable inconvenience was caused by mud. Brownsville rainfall since 3 p. m. Wednesday has been 7:25 inches. Saturday the rainfall was 4:57 inches up to the 6:30 p. m. reading, with heavy rains continuing into the night.

Harlingen had received 6:10 inches in 72 hours ending 6 p. m. Saturday, with 4 inches falling during the day. Streets were flooded as the inadequate sewage system failed to carry off the downpours. In many places water extended from store to store, with curbs invisible. Many merchants dammed doors and entrances to keep water out, but some warehouses were flooded and slight damage reported. Despite the rains, Christmas shoppers crowded streets and stores. Business was good, although undoubtedly much less than it would have been if farmers living on dirt roads, now impassable lakes of mud, had been able to come to town.

McAllen Rain Heavy

Rainfall totalling 5:30 inches fell in McAllen during the past week, and from 6 p. m. Friday to 10 a. m. Saturday a total of 3 inches was recorded. Shoppers in McAllen's business district were crossing streets on foot bridges, but merchants reported excellent trade. High winds swept McAllen between 8 p. m. and 9 p. m. Rain slackened and almost subsided about 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

Although it was still raining in Raymondville late Saturday, it had decreased considerably. Rainfall in Raymondville was slight compared with any of the other Valley points. Between one and one and a quarter inches fell Saturday.

Ranchers in Starr county were jubilant as the heaviest rains in years made grazing prospects bright. Roads to ranches were practically closed, but employes telephoned that rainfall was exceptionally heavy and would materially improve pasture lands.

Started Days Ago

The rains started a week ago with slight drizzles, which dampened the entire Valley. Fairly clear weather prevailed until Wednesday, when first heavy showers fell. Thursday the rains began again, and in most localities have fallen steadily and continuously since. Highways have been closed in some sections, and in others, with water extending across the right-of-way, stakes have been installed to indicate the edge of the concrete. Warnings have been issued to drivers to exercise caution.

Apparently the rains have been concentrated in the Valley and northern Mexico, for travelers from San Antonio Saturday said the weather was clear at Kingsville and first rain was encountered 50 miles north of Raymondville.

No effort was to be made by the circulation departments of the Star-Montor-Herald to deliver the Sunday papers in rural sections. Papers were to be mailed.

No material rise in the Rio Grande river is anticipated as it was low prior to the rains.

Italian Prisoners Sent To Palestine

JERUSALEM, Palestine — (AP) — Several thousand Italian prisoners taken in Britain's Libyan offensive arrived Saturday at a Palestine internment camp.

Dutch Tanker Safe

LONDON —(AP)— The 10,746-ton Dutch tanker Pendrecht, reported by MacKay radio in New York Wednesday as having radioed that she was torpedoed by a submarine in the Atlantic, has arrived safely at a British port, official Dutch circles in London said Saturday night.

OBITUARY

MRS. R. A. DE RODRIGUEZ

MISSION—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Mission for Mrs. Rafaela Alvarez de Rodriguez, 58, who died early Saturday at her home in Mission.

Survivors are the husband, Amado Rodriguez; and two sons, Jose and Adelfia. Burial was in San Jose Cemetery, southeast of Mission.

A. F. HENDRICKS

MERCEDES — Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a. m. from Stotler Mortuary here for Alexander Franklin Hendricks, 74, who died at his residence one and one-half miles east of here Friday at 4 a. m. Rev. E. V. May, Baptist pastor, will officiate. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park, La Feria.

Deceased was a prominent farmer of the Mercedes community for many years and is a former member of the board of directors of the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Water Improvement District No. 9 having served in that capacity from 1935 to 1938.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; three sons, Fred and John Hendricks of Blair, Oklahoma, and Frank Blair of Mercedes; three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Reger, Mrs. B. T. Parker and Mrs. W. F. Dodson, all of Mercedes; a sister, Mrs. Ellen Rankin of Los Angeles, California.

Pallbearers were J. P. Dawson, B. B. Ballanfant, Walter Hoekstra, H. T. Tidmore, Walter D. Collier, Frank Avant, all of Mercedes.

GEORGE E. HOGAN

PHARR — Funeral services for George E. Hogan, 70, Pharr, who died Thursday at McAllen Municipal Hospital, were held from Kreidler Chapel, McAllen, Saturday afternoon, with burial at Roselawn cemetery.

Hogan came to Pharr about a year ago from Batesville, Ark., to make his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Judge and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson.

Survivors are his wife, of Pharr; two daughters, Mrs. Bryce Ferguson of Pharr, and Mrs. E. W. Hooper, Corpus Christi; and two sons, Captain E. L. Hogan, Fort Robinson, Neb., and George E. Hogan, Big Spring, Texas.

Pallbearers were Frank G. Crow, Stanley Melton, Tom Hartley, D. C. Hogan, Dr. K. J. Scott, M. B. Gore.

CHARLES E. ELLEDGE

SAN BENITO—Funeral services for Charles E. Elledge, 83, of Centerville, Iowa, were conducted Friday night at the Clay Hall chapel. Eledge died Thursday in San Benito at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alex M. Bowie. Rev. Hugh Robertson of the Presbyterian Church officiated. The body was shipped to Centerville for burial. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Bowie, and two sons, Roy of Centerville and Fred of Jerome, Iowa.

BEST XMAS SINCE 1929 IS PREDICTED

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Loss of foreign markets for farm products was rated a trade drawback in some rural areas, although farm income generally was estimated moderately above the 1939 level.

A federal reserve board trade expert said the Christmas turnover may be the best in history on either a dollar or a physical volume basis, judging by department store sales compiled by the board.

Prices Are Low

Retail prices on the whole, it was pointed out, are well below average 1929 prices so that the tonnage volume of trade probably was larger than dollar figures revealed in a comparison with that peak year.

It was the second good year in a row of Christmas business at leading industrial centers. The first war-time factory upturn reached its peak just about the time holiday buying got well started last year.

Seven Are Burned In Home Gas Explosion

PLAINVIEW, Tex. —(AP)— Seven members of a Hale county family were in a hospital here for treatment of severe burns suffered in a gas explosion at their farm home, 26 miles southwest of here.

The injured included: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Redinger, their son, Quentin, their daughter, Mrs. Alice McClain, and the latter's three children.

ASK ENVOYS BE RECALLED

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first secretary and consul at the embassy and Leigh W. Hunt, a second secretary and consul.

U. S. To Agree

The state department accepted the request. (In Washington, Secretary Hull said the three would be sent elsewhere; that the charges would be investigated, although a preliminary investigation does not support them. Hull declined to discuss the Ronald Cross affair.

The German announcement said Mrs. Deegan had supported the unidentified British officer and helped him flee the country; that the two embassy officials were involved in this and that, furthermore, Cross concealed a British secret agent in the embassy for months. This man, it was stated, later was arrested outside the building and confessed to espionage.

At the press conference, the foreign office spokesman charged that United States foreign policy was one of "pinpricks, injury, challenge and moral aggression" against Germany.

On the other hand, he said, the Reich has "exercised restraint to the point of self-effacement" in its dealings with Washington.

SHERIFF ASKS FOR SAFETY

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favorable weather for driving would cut down on the amount of driving to be done in the Valley during the coming week.

Toll High Here

The warning from the Hidalgo officer came at a time when traffic death records for years past have been broken by 1940's toll in the Valley. The 83 deaths to date are divided among two counties—Hidalgo and Cameron, according to records here. Cameron has reported 17 of the deaths and Hidalgo, which has the Valley's heaviest traffic, 66. Out of the latter list, however, 29 are accounted for by the Alamo truck-train collision last March which claimed 29 lives and the unusual four-truck crash near San Manuel in November in which seven persons died. Subtracting these two from the Hidalgo toll, a total of 30 deaths, or more nearly "normal," are listed.

Thus far Starr and Willacy counties have not reported any fatalities for the year.

AIR INVASION IS EXPECTED

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such landings, bringing Nazi aircraft to low altitudes, would put them within range of searchlights and short-range anti-aircraft guns. The Germans, they say, would suffer heavy casualties in the air, be spotted by searchlights and surrounded on landing.

The most probable line of attack was forecast by one well-informed observer as a "sudden and studied attempt" to destroy fighter airdromes so that British Spitfires and Hurricanes would be unable to retain daylight mastery of the air over Britain and the channel.

Simultaneous Attack

After preliminary bombing of hangars, this source said, parachute troops might be dropped at as many as 50 fields at once to hold a landing area and light it for "pancake" landings of troop-carrying Junkers and Focke-Wulf transports.

Following the precedent of Norway and the Netherlands, he added, thousands of troops might be landed to attempt to hold out long enough to destroy all aircraft at air stations while a bridgehead was being established on the English coast free from fighter opposition.

The American Institute of Laundering reports that human hair is stronger than that of any animal.

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Nazis Admit Major Raid On Berlin With Several Civilians Killed

CATHEDRAL IS DAMAGED BY RAF ATTACK

Potsdam Also Is Hit This Week-End

By The Associated Press

BERLIN — British pilots struck twice overnight at Berlin in "a major raid," the Nazi high command announced Saturday, flying over the center of the city and loosing both explosive and fire bombs.

Six persons were killed and 17 injured, a communique reported, and the Dom (Protestant) Cathedral was hit and damaged—to the extent of 1,500,000 marks (about $600,000), said the Reich church ministry.

Fires were set off in the suburbs in the first appearance of the British, said the high command, but on that occasion the raiders were held back by anti-aircraft fire.

They returned, however—"several" of them, it was stated—and moved over the heart of the metropolis. Their bombs were declared to have fallen "particularly" in the eastern part of the city, but with "no military or vital war damage."

The high command accused the raiders of having directed their attack "exclusively . . . against nonmilitary targets."

Reports from the historic town of Potsdam, west of the capital, said three civilians were killed there by a single British plane which dropped explosives and incendiaries.

SCALPER CURB IS PROPOSED

Stringent Laws Seen At Next Session

DALLAS—(AP)—Stringent legislation to curb "scalping" of tickets to football, baseball and other sporting events will be introduced in the 47th Texas legislature in January, State Representative-elect Sam C. Hanna said Saturday.

There is no Texas law prohibiting scalping of tickets, although the federal government exercises some jurisdiction because each ticket bears a federal amusement tax, Hanna said.

He said that instances where scalpers are demanding $15 each for $3.30 tickets to the Cotton Bowl classic between Texas A. & M. and Fordham had been brought to his attention.

Blocks of tickets to the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl were sold only to recognized corporations or companies that wished to give them to employers or customers, and requests for large numbers of tickets, if made by some person unknown to officials, were turned down, Cotton Bowl officials said.

Officer Gets Gift From His Prisoner

RALEIGH, N. C. —(AP)— Last September Gus L. Scott of the state bureau of investigation solved a $1,000 robbery, and his evidence sent a man to prison for four to six years.

This week Scott received a Christmas gift—a hand-tooled, hand-sewn leather shoulder holster with the gold-embossed inscription, "Gus Scott"—from the prisoner, who dubbed the officer a "fair and square guy."

Air Line's Revenues Are Said Increased

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— T. E. Braniff, president of Braniff Airways, Inc., said his company had a total of $1,695,000 in passenger revenue during 1940, an 87.8 per cent increase over last year's $902,540.66.

The report, as of November 30, showed a total of 118,000 passengers flew 37,000,000 revenue passenger miles, as compared with 62,247 passengers who flew 19,815,703 revenue passenger miles a year ago.

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Londoner Booked For Talk On Escape From Air Raids

McALLEN — Rev. G. E. Nord, of London, England, will give a graphic account of his recent escape during the air raids in that city when he speaks at the American Legion Hall here Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p. m.

He has just arrived in McAllen from his home in London. The minister will also give his personal observation of the countries now engaged in war. For 20 years he has traveled through Germany, Russia, the Scandinavian countries, Poland, Austria, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain, in his work as general secretary of the northern European division of Seventh Day Adventist missionary activity in Europe.

The public is invited to attend and hear Rev. Nord's talk.

REV. NORD

Communications To City Are Restored After Quake, Storm

EUREKA, Calif. —(AP)— Communication facilities into Eureka were restored early Saturday after a rain and wind storm, preceded by an earthquake, had swept over this northwestern California area Friday night.

No damage was reported as the result of the quake, which was felt here at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Seismograph records showed that the shock lasted 15 minutes.

Believe Ship Plans Are Taken From Car

DUANESBURG, N. Y.—(AP)—State police said their criminal investigation bureau is investigating theft of plans they "understand" are for "construction of naval vessels" from Russell Keefer, production engineer of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N. J.

Midget Scout Cars May Take Place Of Motorcycles In American Armies

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The army disclosed that the cavalry was testing a new model midget scout car as a possible substitute for motorcycles.

The 1,350-pound vehicles, 3,000 of which have been ordered, originally were developed for the infantry. Each carries three riflemen and their weapons, and can be used also to transport machine guns and ammunition.

The modernized cavalry includes numerous motorcycle units for scouting and communication. A new type motor-tricycle to carry three men also has been designed but not yet acquired by the first cavalry division at Fort Bliss, Tex., or other units. The War Department said the new midget car "seems" to have the answer" to some of the deficiencies of the motorcycle,' being "relatively quiet," lightweight and able to carry three men or substantial cargoes.

Mrs. Alice Long Is Dead At Los Vegas

LAS VEGAS, N. M.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice Long, mother of the United States minister to Ecuador and widow of a one-time chief justice of the territory of New Mexico, died at her home here Friday. She was 91 years old.

Mrs. Long had lived in New Mexico since 1886, when her husband, the late Judge E. V. Long, was named chief justice of the territory. The family lived for a time at Santa Fe and then came to Las Vegas.

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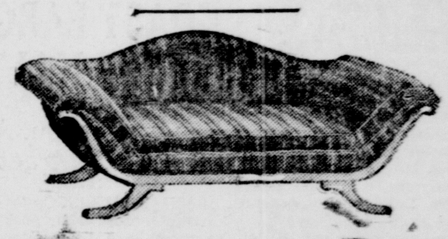

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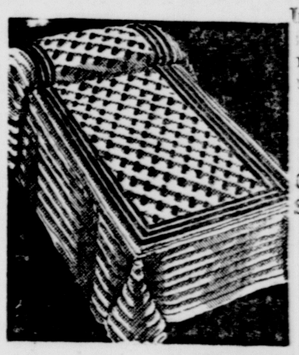

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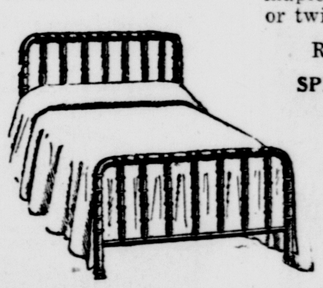

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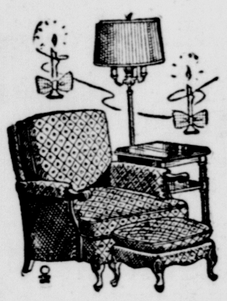

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BUS SERVICE TO CORPUS IS ON NEW ROAD

Two Hours Saved On Coast Route

BROWNSVILLE — The new Kenedy County link of the Hug-The-Coast highway has cut bus service time between Brownsville and Corpus Christi by two hours, according to Harry Roberts, superintendent of Missouri Pacific Transportation Co. here.

With opening of the new road, the distance between Brownsville and Corpus Christi is now 47 miles shorter, and a special "Express" bus makes the run between the two cities in two hours less than buses traveling the old route, Mr. Roberts said.

The "Express" leaves here at 7 a.m. and arrives in Corpus Christi at 11:15 a.m. Formerly, the bus leaving here at 7 a.m. reached Corpus Christi at 1:15 p.m.

New Schedule

On the return trip, the "Express" leaves Corpus Christi at 2 p.m. and arrives here at 6:20 p.m. It formerly arrived here at 8:15 p.m. by the old route.

Other bus runs between here and Corpus Christi will remain the same in order to take care of Upper Valley business, Mr. Roberts said.

An added service in this respect is the new Edinburg-Rivera run, he said.

With two buses a day now traveling the new route to and from Corpus Christi and skipping the Upper Valley, allowances had to be made for handling travelers from that section.

Edinburg Connection

The company runs buses from Edinburg at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, arriving at Rivera at 9:52 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The 8 a.m. bus meets the "Express" on its way to Corpus Christi, and after discharging passengers to the outbound bus it waits at Rivera until the inbound Corpus Christi bus arrives there at 3:30 p.m.

While the 2 p.m. bus from Edinburg is transferring passengers to the Brownsville-bound "Express," the other Edinburg-Rivera bus takes on passengers bound for the Upper Valley and leaves on the old route at 3:32 p.m., arriving here at 8:15 p.m.

The new route followed by the Express buses is Brownsville to Harlingen to Raymondville to Kingsville to Robstown to Corpus Christi.

Freight Train Runs Wild On Raton Pass; Wreck Cleaned Up

RATON, N. M.—(AP)—The main line of the Santa Fe Railway has been cleared of last wreckage of a freight train detailment near Morley, Colo., 16 miles north of here early Friday.

Brakeman William Hand of Raton was recovering here from minor injuries to his back and a foot and cuts about the head.

4 States Organized To Conserve Waters

FORT WORTH.—(AP)—A meeting to be held in Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 10 and 11, to organize a four-state pact for flood control work and soil and water conservation, was announced in Fort Worth by John M. Fouts, general manager of the Trinity Improvement Association.

Fouts said the four states involved are Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

Opening meeting will be presided over by R. E. Overman of Little Rock, chairman of the Arkansas state flood control commission.

Canal Air Defense Is Said To Be Poor

NEW YORK — (AP) — Rep. Fred Bradley (R-Mich), one of 12 congressmen returning from a trip to the Panama Canal, declared that there "was not a modern bomber in the zone."

"If the administration considers it such a vital place to guard," he said, "why doesn't it do something to protect the zone with up-to-date aircraft? If there are any modern bombers there, they are so pitifully few that we didn't see them. I was told the fastest airplane there was capable of only 140 miles an hour."

Appointments Seen As Sign Of Unrest

SHANGHAI—(AP)—Japanese Premier Prince Konoye's appointment of new Japanese ministers of justice and home affairs is believed by Shanghai observers to have been motivated largely by the Japanese people's increasing uneasiness over their government's military alliance with Italy and Germany.

Dissatisfaction with Japan's commitments has been gaining momentum since early this month, and reports were current two weeks ago that the Konoye government might fall as a result.

Baby Smothered In Bed With Parents

DALLAS—(AP)—James Lynn Cantrell, 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Cantrell, was found dead while sleeping with his parents Saturday, and Justice of the Peace Lewis Sterrett returned a verdict of accidental death due to smothering.

He will be buried in Denison Sunday.

Chairman Dies Ill At Home With Flu

ORANGE, Tex.—(AP)—Rep. Martin Dies (D-Tex), chairman of a House committee investigating un-American activities, was ill at his home here with influenza.

Christmas Story As We'd Tell It

Discovery Of New Star By Magi Astronomers Is Reported

Third of six daily articles retelling the story of the first Christmas as a modern newspaper man might have given the reports as they came in.

PHILADELPHIA (Rabbath Ammon) Dec. 22—The ancient prophecies that a Messiah is to appear in troubled Judea were recalled here today by citizens excited by reports concerning three mysterious strangers who paused recently in Philadelphia.

The three, who kept to themselves, stopped overnight with their caravans.

They said little to those who camped near them on the route to Jericho and Jerusalem, but caravaneers observed they kept a close watch on the midnight skies. Apparently they were of the school of the Magi.

A Long Trip

Observers noted that they wore the yellow undergarments of the profession of astronomers and they seemed to have come a long distance.

Their caravan included swift camels, and the three camels the Magi rode were of kingly stature. They also were notable for their color, being almost pure albinos.

The camel drivers of a caravan adjoinig the Magi's in the Philadelphia camp were awakened near dawn by excited voices. The Magi were outside their tents. One pointed to the sky and the three of them talked enthusiastically with many gesticulations.

Almost Unnoticed

The camel drivers said there was an unusually brilliant star on the horizon that faded, as they watched it, with the dawn.

The incident would have passed unnoticed, perhaps, except that one of the drivers mentioned it in the market place and someone remarked that here was a happening that had to do with the prophesied coming of the Messiah.

"This is confirmed," said he, "by my friend the camel driver, who reported that he overheard a remark by these three Magi that concerned a new 'King of the Jews'."

The Three Magi and the Star: An Artist's Conception

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The three Magi moved westward from Philadelphia, toward Jerusalem.

Whether Suspected Triple Killer Will Be Returned Still Mystery

Report Of Los Ebanos Man's Capture At Camargo Are Yet Unconfirmed; Fortuna Case Experience Recalled

EDINBURG—Hidalgo county officials, including those in both the sheriff's and district attorney's offices, were reticent toward voicing an opinion Saturday on the possibility of returning to Texas for trial a man reported to be held by Mexican officers at Camargo in connection with the deaths last Sunday night of three persons in a burst of gunfire at a Los Ebanos beer tavern.

Reports were received early this week that rurales at Camargo had captured the man, believed to be a relative of at least one of the three men slain when a mysterious gunman poked his weapon into a window at the cantina and blasted away. A fourth man escaped with a bullet wound in the knee while a fifth fell to the floor and was unhurt.

Sheriff R. T. (Bob) Daniel's office announced no official confirmation had been received of the arrest at Camargo, opposite Rio Grande City, and only a short distance across the river from Los Ebanos, which is south of Sullivan City in western Hidalgo county.

District Attorney Tom Hartley said his office's investigation of the case had not progressed to the point where the state department at Washington would ask for extradiction of the suspect at Camargo. In even the U. S. did request extradition, as may be urged by the district attorney, the Mexican government would have the right to grant or refuse the plea.

Hartley pointed out that only one other case in recent years was similar. That involved Samuel Fortuna, Mexican border character who slew Deputy Sheriff George Dennett of McAllen from ambush near the river four years ago. Fortuna was captured by officers under Colonel Tiburcio Garza Zamora of Reynosa but was not returned to the U. S. He was subsequently imprisoned under a 20-year sentence, according to local reports.

Fortuna, however, was a Mexican citizen and an alien in the U. S. at the time of Dennett's death. The suspect in the Los Ebanos triple slaying is known to be an American citizen.

Pending further developments, officers have not divulged his name, nor have any charges been filed heer as yet.

COAST LABOR ROW HALTED

Longshoremen Agree To Contract

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Pacific Coast stevedore labor problems apparently have been solved for a critical period of the national defense program by the signing of a new two-year working agreement.

Meeting under conditions just a little short of back-slapping friendliness—a strange situation on the often embattled waterfront—representatives of the Waterfront Employers' Association and the CIO longshoremen put their names to a contract covering 13,000 men.

An employers' spokesman, L. A. Lapham, said shipowners were satisfied with the terms.

Harry R. Bridges, CIO longshoremen's president, called it a good contract for both sides and said it represented a fundamental gain for the union in that workers were given protection against money and employment losses although employers were permitted to introduce labor-saving devices.

Soviets Critical Of Roosevelt Aid Plan

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Soviet army newspaper "Red Star" said President Roosevelt's new plan to aid British was designed "to guarantee the interests of American capitalism."

"Under the banner of 'Help England'," the paper declared, "the White House has designed a whole system of combined measures directed at consolidating the position of the United States in the struggle of the imperialistic powers for a share of the world."

Italians Reiterate Sinking Of Cruiser

ROME—(AP)—Italian officials said a British cruiser reported sunk off the port of Bardia early in the fighting along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier still could be seen lying on the bottom of the sea.

An official statement said the ship was a cruiser of about 6,000 tons—presumably of the Arethusa or Lenter type.

National Guardsmen Home For Holidays

PALACIOS, Tex.—(AP)—Some 2,000 Camp Hulen National Guardsmen from Missouri, New Hampshire and Massachusetts left here for 10-day home furloughs—their first "home leaves" since induction last September.

Two special trains carried the men. One contained Missourians of the 203rd Coast Artillery; 197th and 211th Coast Artillerymen from New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

There are more than 350,000 American boys enrolled in agricultural high schools supported by the Smith-Hughes act.

Roger W. Babson Says

America Should Have Happiest Christmas On Earth; Living Standard Higher, And Future Looms Bright

By ROGER W. BABSON

PHILADELPHIA—Our people demand more than those of any other nation on earth. Our standards of living are the highest in the world. Few of our people will go hungry over the holiday season. Wages and pay rolls are up, unemployment is decreasing. Our dollar has been devaluated, but it still buys more necessities and luxuries of life than any other currency.

A Worker's Paradise

The average American factory worker on his wage per hour can purchase approximately 7.5 pounds of bread; 1.6 pounds of butter; 2.1 pounds of beef; 35.1 pounds of potatoes; 2.6 pounds of coffee. In Germany, an average worker's hourly wage buys only 2.5 pounds of bread; 0.5 of a pound of butter; 0.9 of a pound of beef; 20.5 pounds of potatoes; 0.3 of a pound of coffee.

The American worker's wage buys 9.78 pounds of these five essential foodstuffs. The German worker can buy only 4.94 pounds. The bread, butter, beef, and coffee which is used in Germany, we would not recognize. Potatoes are potatoes the world over; but in Germany sawdust is being mixed with flour; oleomargarine is a substitute for butter; horses, dogs, cats, and foxes are legalized substitutes for beef; and chicory is the name for coffee.

Food Abundant Here

Coffee is a drug on the U. S. market. Sugar, flour, rice, and vegetables are extremely cheap. There has been a rise in the cost of meat and some canned goods. But, the average price of foodstuffs is today below the 1935-39 average and way below 1929. Rents, clothing, furniture, and fuel are slightly higher than the 1935-39 average; but only moderately so. The retail price of gasoline, on the other hand, is at its lowest in years. We, here in America, with only 6 per cent of the world's population, own 72 per cent of the world's automobiles, 49 per cent of its telephones, and 47 per cent of its radios. In the ownership of furniture, jewels, rugs, and homes, we also outstrip all other nations.

In any recent month, food prices may show a moderately rise of, say, 1 per cent or less. When compared with the corresponding month of 1939, there is either no change or prices are lower. Food costs remain slightly under the 1939-40 peak reached during June and July. This is because the surpluses of wheat, corn, pork, lard, and other commodities are still extremely large. With our export trade declining, there is little chance of reducing these stocks. For a long time to come, unless the war ends abruptly, we will have these foodstuffs to consume or to give away.

Run-Away Markets Out Of Style

Inevitably rising living costs accompany an increase in industrial production. The old law of supply and demand is still working. As the demand for housing facilities increases, so rents rise. With higher wages, people spend more for luxury goods. Even when raw materials for luxury goods are curtailed, luxury demand increases and prices of such goods necessarily rise. Facilities exist to curb rising prices except in instances where they are orderly. This is important from the administration's point of view in connection with the defense program. There must be no run-away markets in either raw materials or foodstuffs.

Actual government ownership of certain commodities, as in the present case of cotton and wheat, can be used to steady prices. Large stocks of these and other commodities will be thrown upon the market at the first signs of dangerous inflation. Thus, attempts to raise prices can be counteracted. In the raw materials picture, much can likewise be done. In World War I the war industries board successfully kept down the price of copper. This was accomplished through conferences with a group of large producers. In our present situation, if producers attempted to raise prices much over present figures, the copper tariff could also be taken off.

Remember that government bonds have, to date, been purchased largely by banks and insurance companies. A drive could be put on to force individuals to buy these securities. This would put money into the federal till and keep it out of the grocery, department stores, and jewelry shops. Thus, an abnormal demand for necessity and luxury goods would dry up and prices would not run away.

Five Days To Christmas

You will not hear from me again until the Sunday after Christmas. Hence, I cannot close this week's column without wishing my readers and the publishers of this paper a Very Merry Christmas. This is really no time for weighty discussions. Rather, it is a time for shopping and a time to get the household ready for Christmas Day. It will, I hope, be a Happy Christmas for wage workers and employers, for parents and children. Surely, here in America, we have much for which to be thankful. I do not have to mention what Christmas Day may bring to the people of many other lands. It is fitting that, in the midst of our own happiness and peace, we should offer a fervent prayer that they, too, may soon again celebrate Christmas as the Prince of Peace would wish.

JUDGES GROOM NEW STATUTES

Committee Studying 4 Proposed Laws

AUSTIN—(AP)—Legislative and executive committees of the County Judges and Commissioners Association Saturday began shaping recommendations for presentation to the new legislature meeting January 14.

The two groups named sub-committees to report at a state-wide meeting in Austin January 23 on these proposals:

Re-enactment of the road bond assumption law with an amendment requiring counties that participate in the lateral road account to apply their funds to retiring county road debts.

Incorporation of the road bond law with the proposed amendment into the state constitution.

Amending the constitution so as to permit counties to apply surpluses in other funds to county general fund which officials said was heavily burdened because of a 25-cent constitutional tax limitation.

Providing a state administered agency for certifying WPA and relief eligibles.

Members of the highway commission and the board of county and district road indebtedness will be invited to meet with the association January 23.

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FELONS PLEAD FOR CLEMENCY

7 Escapees Want To Join Free French

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Facing deportation next month to Martinique and fearful of death before a firing squad, seven escapees from France's Devil's Island prison renewed their pleas Saturday for freedom and a chance to fight in the forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

The men, with a companion who is in the U. S. hospital at Key West, made their way to Miami August 24 in a 30-foot sloop after a perilous voyage through the Caribbean. They have been held in Dade county jail.

Friday they received the news that the coast guard cutter Unalga would take them some time in January, with 20 other escaped prisoners now in Puerto Rico, back to French-controlled Martinique.

"We are being sent to our deaths by a firing squad," said Jean Touzin, 43, of Vichy, a veteran of the French World War navy.

"We didn't intend to enter the United States. We were arrested and held here. And now the United States is sending us to sure death."

If they are freed, the men have promised to enlist with De Gaulle's "Free French" forces or with the British.

Lone British Plane Bombs German City

POTSDAM, Germany — (AP) — A lone British plane, dropping explosives and fire bombs in a raid Friday night on this historic town west of Berlin, was reported by DNB, German news agency, to have killed three civilians.

Birthday Of Stalin Passes Unobserved

MOSCOW—(AP)—Joseph Stalin's 61st birthday anniversary passed Saturday without formal observance. A year ago it was celebrated.

There was no mention of the birthday in Saturday's press.

Nazi Party Members Jailed In Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary—(AP)—Sixteen members of the Nazi Arrow Cross party, including Deputy Karoly Wirth, were convicted of plotting to kidnap Regent Admiral Nicholas Horthy and install a Nazi regime for Hungary.

They were sentenced to prison terms, Wirth receiving the greatest—four and a half years. The formal charge was lese majesty, a crime again the sovereign.

Continental Extends Louisiana Oil Field

PONCA CITY, Okla. — (AP) — The Continental Oil Company announced it had extended the Villeplatte Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, approximately one mile southwest with the completion of the Evangeline Securities Co. No. 1 well.

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VALLEY 'WAR' ON SPEEDERS TO CONTINUE

Hidalgo Patrol Check 'Death Trap'

EDINBURG—The Hidalgo county highway patrol's war on speeders near the San Manuel "death trap," where nine persons have been killed in a recent span of 34 days in a series of three crashes, swept ahead Saturday.

Five drivers were arrested near San Manuel early last week and charged with speeding, and County Patrolmen Walter Lysinger and Harris Cozby announced Saturday that several additional cases had been filed.

J. B. Jordan of Poteet paid a fine of $5 and costs ($14) before Justice of the Peace J. Loy Ramsour here Saturday on a speeding charge resulting from the patrolmen's new work to slow down traffic near San Manuel. His case was not scheduled for trial until Monday.

Robert Otto Fischer of McAllen paid a fine of $1 and costs ($10) on a charge of speeding near the same place.

Two cases scheduled for trial Monday before Judge Ramsour in Edinburg, are speeding charges against John McGrew of Falfurrias and T. C. Johnston of Houston.

Francisco Guerra of Premont, charged with driving without clearance lights near San Manuel, was fined $1 and costs ($10) by Judge Ramsour Saturday morning.

Lysinger said one of the several arrests of the past week were made after he clocked a passenger car traveling 68 miles an hour along the highway near San Manuel in a driving rain.

Bond Forfeited

$500 La Cross Surety To Be Claimed

EDINBURG — District Judge Rogers Blalock ordered Saturday the forfeiture of a $500 bond posted for C. M. La Cross, formerly of McAllen and now of Corpus Christi, who failed to appear in 92nd district court here for trial on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Judge Blalock was sitting for Judge Bryce Ferguson on the criminal district bench.

La Cross' sureties, Wade Bliss and M. L. Paden of Edinburg, have until the next term of court to show cause why the forfeiture should not be executed. La Cross was understood here to have moved to Corpus Christi several weeks ago. His trial has been called on five different dates but at each instance was postponed because of technicalities.

Shary Plays Santa To 600 Kiddies In Schools At Mission

MISSION—More than 600 youngsters in Mission and Sharyland received or will receive Christmas treats as the gift of John H. Shary, Mission developer and capitalist, in parties held or to be held at four schools.

Following a custom he established several years ago, Shary presented bags of Christmas candies, nuts and fruits to students in the main and North Sharyland school units Friday afternoon. Monday at closing exercises in the St. Paul's Guadalupe Catholic parish schools in Mission, all students will receive similar gifts. A total of 625 children are included in the huge gift list.

Mission Sets Dance For Tourists Here

MISSION — Swing and square dances will be mixed when the All-Valley Tourist Dance will be given Monday night, December 30, at Legion hall, when the tourist committee of the Mission Chamber of Commerce will be hosts.

Tourists staying in all Valley cities are invited to attend the party, the chairman, W. B. Thornton, Jr., said. There will be no charge and all bona fide tourists are urged to attend as guests of the Mission chamber.

TO VISIT IN AUSTIN

HARLINGEN — Mrs. Joe Wood and sons, Barry and Terry, are going to Austin for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Wood's mother.

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Modern And Ancient 'Madonna And Child'

Baby Jean Gauntt, for whom a group of metaphysicians sought to attain immortality, gets a hug from her mother, Catherine, after her return to her New York home. The metaphysicians installed her in a mansion 15 months ago, planning to rear her in the belief that illness and death are caused by destructive thinking. Now, they explained, her parents want her back.

This "Madonna and Child," by Raffaelino del Garbo, was stolen from the University of Texas College of Mines museum at El Paso. It was one of five paintings loaned to the El Paso Junior League from the private collection of Samuel H. Kress, the chain store merchant. Kress has declined to evaluate the painting.

VALLEY PRESS MEETS FRIDAY

D. F. Strickland To Be Main Speaker

MISSION—Featured speakers at the Valley Press Association meeting scheduled for Friday night, December 27, will be Judge D. F. Strickland of Mission and E. W. Franke of San Benito, it was announced in Mission Saturday by Joe T. Cook, president of the press unit. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock at the Cortez Hotel in Weslaco. Ty Cobb, Weslaco, radio news commentator, has arranged the program.

Judge Strickland, prominent South Texas attorney, will speak on "The Price of Public Service." Franke is district manager of the Central Power and Light Company. His topic was not announced.

For the past three months, the association has been publishing the Valley Press Bulletin, carrying news of the printing and publishing industry of the Valley. Si Cassady, editor of the Valley Evening Monitor, McAllen, is editor for the December issue.

Officers of the association this year are Joe T. Cook, editor of the Mission Times, serving his second term as president; Bishop Clements, editor of the Edinburg Valley Review, vice president; Tom Phillips, publisher of the Santa Rosa Signal, secretary; T. E. Thompson, publisher of the San Juan Sentinel, treasurer. Directors are Cook, R. H. Fackelman, publisher of the Willacy County Chronicle, Raymondville; and Gordon Keithley, business manager of the Weslaco News. Sherwood Bishop, Brownsville, is advisory director.

Xmas Baskets

Donations Must Be In Monday Night

McALLEN—Lee D. Rowe, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board, said Saturday that all those who wished to donate funds for Christmas baskets which will be given to McAllen's needy must be received by 6 p.m. Monday.

Rowe said the money must be in by that time because the baskets must be made up Monday night and Tuesday for distribution Christmas morning.

Paving Project At McAllen Is Ordered

McALLEN—No property owners appeared to protest a paving project on Eleventh street from Ash to Hackberry avenue in the hearing held by the city commission Friday afternoon, so an ordinance was passed ordering the work done and property owners assessed. The Works Projects Administration will share in the cost.

BACK FROM IOWA

SAN JUAN — Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Doedyns have returned home after two weeks in Iowa. They were accompanied home by Miss Hattie Hospers of Pella, Iowa, who will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Doedyns and her husband.

Grow Beard, Young Man Is Edict Of Brush Court For Charro Days

BROWNSVILLE—Royal decrees of the Court of the Brush, and proclamations from City Hall have now come forth to the effect that the adult males of Brownsville shall start growing their Charro Days beards immediately after midnight, December 25, and not before then.

Mayor Royce Russell issued a proclamation from the city, pronouncing the bearded days as the period from December 25 through February 23, the end of Charro Days.

And from A. A. (Daddy) Hargrove, Grand Brush of the Court of the Brush, came an official decree to the same effect.

However, prosecuting under this act will not start until January 1, Hargrove said.

"The court will be merciless on those who start growing beards before December 25," Grand Brush Hargrove said. "There is no excuse for it.

Some Fancy Beards

"As a matter of fact the date usually set is January 1. However, since there are some amongst us whose beards tend to grow in a straggly, puny, or misdirected way, and so that these fellow citizens with good intentions but poor beards may make a fair showing, we have permitted the growing to start immediately after Christmas Day.

"Anyone not starting a beard before January 1 will be considered as a braggart, but will not be prosecuted. Anybody not starting one on January 1 will be considered as a slacker and social outcast, and the Court of the Brush shall consider itself duty bound to give him the works."

The proclamations issued by the mayor and the Court of the Brush follows:

A Proclamation

Whereas the growth of sturdy and manly beards by the adult males of Brownsville contribute in a large measure to the success of Charro Days Fiesta, and,

Whereas the appearance of small, scrubby or scrawny beards upon our males during Charro Days would be taken as an indication that our soil is not fertile and our climate not healthy, and therefore would be a reflection on our Valley, and,

Whereas the careful growth and cultivation of a creditable beard requires a period of at least eight weeks on the average male, I, mayor of the city of Brownsville, do hereby proclaim December 25, 1940, as the last day during which the adult male citizen of Brownsville should have their faces clean, and call upon them to set forth after that day upon a career of beard growing that will reflect credit during the Charro Days Fiesta of 1941, and,

I likewise call upon the mayors of our neighboring cities in the Valley to issue similar proclamations.

Royce Russell,
Mayor of Brownsville.

Court Of The Brush

Hear Ye, All Charros!

By virtue of authority vested in me by the Charro Days Court of the Brush, I hereby decree that any and all Charros, and by that term is meant any adult male of Brownsville, shall cease and desist from clean shaving of their faces from and after midnight, December 25, 1940, until the end of Charro Days, midnight, February 23, 1941.

Herein fail not on penalty of a fine, or imprisonment, or general manhandling, or any or all of these, upon appearance on the streets of Brownsville between said dates.

Enforcement of this decree shall be instituted by the Court of the Brush on and after January 1, 1940, and any male having nothing worthwhile to show for his efforts up to that time walks abroad at his own peril.

It is furtheromre decreed that any male citizen of any other Valley city or any winter resident of the Valley choosing to abide by this decree shall be admitted into to Court of the Brush and shall share equally in the profits thereof.

Herein Fail Not.

A. A. (Daddy) Hargrove,
Grand Brush.

POLICEMEN SELL * * * * * YULE TREES FOR * * * * * STRICKEN OWNER

LYNN, Mass. — (AP) — Joseph Brown of Brooks, Me., is convinced that Lynn policemen have the real Christmas spirit.

Stricken with appendicitis after bringing a truckload of Christmas trees here, Brown was taken to a hospital for an operation. The police knew he wouldn't be out until after Christmas, so they sold the trees for $26, took the money to Brown and wished him a "Merry Christmas."

Judging Set Friday For Mission Lights

MISSION—Judges for the Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest sponsored by the Mission Chamber of Commerce will judge entries in all three divisions Friday night, December 27, it was announced this week by Jack Drake, chamber manager. J. F. Ewers, chairman of the committee, will be assisted by W. G. Morris and D. W. Cott, who complete the committee.

Entries in the contest must register with the chamber of commerce not later than 5 p. m. Tuesday, December 24. Awards total $45, divided equally in three sections for residential, rural and business districts.

Candlelight Service Set For San Benito

SAN BENITO—A special musical program is scheduled for the candlelight vesper service at 5:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Christian church. The "Story of Christ" will be presented in the form of Christmas carols by the choir arranged by Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Schurman. The sermon at the morning service will be "No Room in the Inn" and the choir will sing the anthem, "The Lord Is Come" by Holton.

FOUR DRAFTEE CLASSES TOLD

Groups Outlined To Clear Up Doubts

MISSION—Classification of registrants under the selective service system has caused confusion among registrants who do not have a clear idea of what each classification means, clerks at the Hidalgo County Draft Board No. 2, in Mission, said. Many registrants report back to the draft board headquarters asking for further information after their classification has been made.

In order to make clear exactly what each classification means, an outline of each class has been released for the benefit of the registrants. It is listed below:

Class I

Class I-A—Available, fit for general military service.

Class I-B—Member of the land or naval forces of the United States.

Class I-D—Student fit for military service; available not later than July 1, 1941.

Class I-E—Student fit only for limited military service; available not later than July 1, 1941.

Class II

Class II-A—Man necessary in his civilian capacity.

Class III

Class III-A—Man with dependents.

Class IV

Class IV-A—Man with completed service.

Class IV-B—Official deferred by law.

Class IV-C—Minister of religion or divinity student.

Class IV-E—Conscientious objector available only for civilian work of national importance.

Class IV-F—Physically, mentally or morally unfit.

Xmas Party Closes Sharyland Schools

SHARYLAND—A Christmas program was presented by representatives of each of the 11 grades in the main Sharyland school unit Friday afternoon as a special assembly program marked the closing of school for the Christmas holidays. Classes will re-convene Monday, January 6, after a full two weeks' holiday.

In each home room at the school, a Christmas tree was held and gifts were exchanged. Students received gift bags of candies, fruit and nuts from John H. Shary.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

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But Neal forgot to turn off the spray and temperatures tumbled. Result: There is a veritable mountain of ice where the tree stood, but Neal can't find the tree.

$2 FINE ASSESSED

McALLEN—O. Z. Given Johnson was fined $2 in city court Saturday for driving without lights. A $10 fine for being drunk in a public place was also assessed against another defendant.

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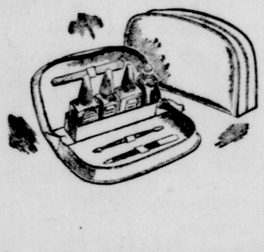

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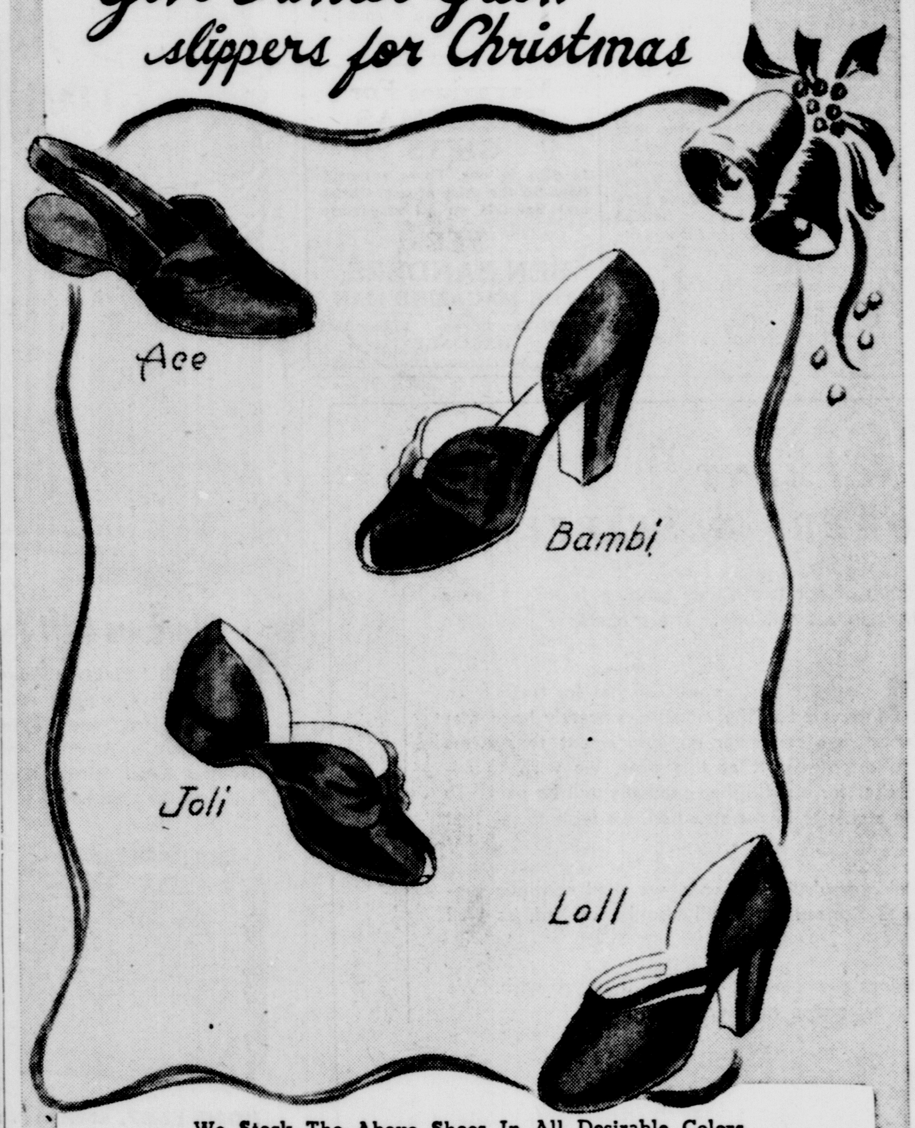

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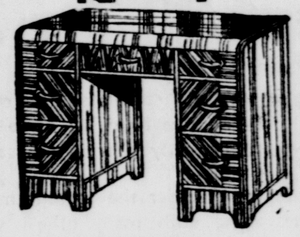

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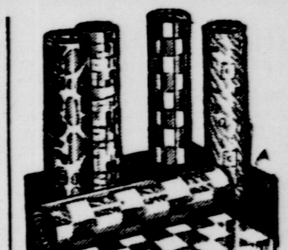

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MP INSPECTS PORT ISABEL RAILS SWITCH

Rains Won't Delay Slated Change

BROWNSVILLE—C. S. Kirkpatrick of Houston, chief engineer of the Missouri Pacific railroad, spent Saturday at Port Isabel inspecting preparations for the switch-over of the old Port Isabel and Rio Grande Valley Railway to the Missouri Pacific interests.

Although heavy rain in the Valley the past few days has hampered laying of 3.6 miles of track between Abney and so connect Port Isabel with the San Benito line, the switch-over will be made on schedule at midnight December 31, Mr. Kirkpatrick said.

Approximately one mile of the necessary track has been laid, and all grading for the rail connection has been completed, chief engineer said.

The PI and RGV Railroad, founded in 1872, is the oldest operating railroad in South Texas. Missouri Pacific acquired the railway recently and decided to take out the Brownsville-Port Isabel line and replace it with a direct Port Isabel-San Benito line.

Acquisition of the railway gave Missouri Pacific a direct connection with Port of Brownsville.

Kirkpatrick said he would return to his Houston headquartetrs Saturday night and would remain there until after Christmas, returning here before December 31.

Reserve Officer Honored By Club

McALLEN — At an impromptu luncheon Saturday, members of the Kiwanis club honored Dr. I. J. Berk, called to duty January 5 in army service at Fort Clark. Dr. Berk is the first member of the civic club called.

Approximately 35 members who were present made brief speeches, with Berk as their main subject. The club presented him a traveling bag as a farewell gift.

Dr. Berk was scheduled to leave Sunday for a vacation visit in Florida and Havana before reporting for duty. He holds a captain's ranking in the army reserve corps.

Library's Building Fund Hiked By $25

SAN BENITO—The building fund of the San Benito Library and Community Center, now under construction, was increased $25 Saturday when a check for that amount was received by the chamber of commerce as an award won by San Benito's representative in the style show at the Weslaco Birthday celebration. The entry, Miss Betty Swan Lockmiller, was sponsored by the San Benito Women's Council in cooperation with the chamber of commerce. The gown worn by Miss Lockmiller was designed and made by Mrs. Bill Duncan.

San Benito Reserve Will Take Training

SAN BENITO — Second Lieut. Fred Booth of Company M, Texas National Guard, has received orders to report for special training at Fort Benning, Georgia, in rifle and heavy weapons. He will leave Thursday for the three months training and is to report for duty on his return to Texas at Camp Bowie at Brownwood with Company M.

All except 18 members of the company are on special Christmas leave which began at noon Saturday until 6 a. m. Thursday. The unit has not yet received definite travel orders to move to Camp Bowie.

Tip Toppers Dance Planned On Dec. 28

MISSION—Invitations have been posted to college and young married sets in the Upper Valley for a holiday dance to be given by the Mission Tip Toppers Saturday, December 28, at the Casa de Palmas in McAllen. The guest list is limited to 100 couples and the invitations ask that the cards be presented at the door. Script will be one dollar per couple, plus the tax.

In charge of the arrangements for the party are Miss Betty Davenport, chairman; Miss Frances Thompson, Mrs. John W. Griffin, and Mrs. James Wood, president.

Officers Of Bridge Club Are Selected

McALLEN—Mrs. J. E. Marsden was elected president of the Contract Bridge club organized Friday by winter visitors and tourists. Mrs. L. G. O'Toole was named playing director.

Special lessons for those wishing to learn contract will start after the holidays. Mrs. W. H. Perry, Mrs. William E. Gerke and O. B. Emerson reported for the nominating committee. The auction bridge players are expected to organize immediately after the holidays.

Aged Woman Dies As Auto Is Overturned

BRYAN, Tex.—(AP)—Miss Hayden Baugh, about 60, believed to be from Los Angeles, died in a Bryan hospital from injuries received when her car overturned near Hearne Saturday morning.

Hearne police found an address, 5222 Liveoak View Avenue, Los Angeles, in Miss Baugh's effects.

Two soldiers riding with the woman sustained minor injuries.

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Reynosa Officers Invited To Fete

REYNOSA, Tamps., Mexico—For the first time in the history of the Texas Citrus Fiesta, scheduled for presentation in Mission in January, Queen Citrianna, who reigns over the Fiesta each year, made a personal visit to Mexico to invite Reynosa civil and military officials to participate in the big show. Here are pictured Miss Jane Weinert of Donna, center of front row, as she greeted Reynosa civil and military officials in the center of the new Hidalgo-Reynosa international bridge only a few hours after the last planking of the bridge was laid. Standing in the front row are, left to right, Ramiro Rodriguez of the Valley Bridge Co., J. Franklin Ewers, member of the Mission Chamber of Commerce board of directors, sponsors of the Fiesta; on Miss Weinert's right is Gen. Pedro Lopez Tafoya, commander of the Sixth Mexican Military Zone, and on her left is Lieut.-Col. Salvador Biramontes C.

BRIDGE FETE IS POSTPONED

Government Quarters May Be Improved

McALLEN — Official ceremonies formally opening the reconstructed international bridge between Hidalgo and Reynosa scheduled for Sunday afternoon have been postponed until the weather clears, Valley Bridge Company officials announced Saturday.

Civic and military officials of both Reynosa and McAllen were to take part in the ceremonies. The parking lot near the bridge was covered with seven inches of water Saturday morning and continued rain forced the postponement, the officials said.

They also announced that plans have been prepared for submission to the United States government for improvement in the buildings which house the customs and immigration services at the north end of the span.

The bridge company is ready to start construction as soon as an agreement has been reached, the officials said.

The suspension structure was reopened to traffic last Sunday, December 15.

Faculty At La Joya Stages Xmas Party

LA JOYA—Gifts of Christmas candies and nuts were presented to 500 students of La Joya school Friday afternoon as a holiday gift from members of the faculty at the closing of school for the Christmas vacations. Schools of the Tabasco district, of which the La Joya unit is the central school, will re-convene Thursday, January 2.

Home room programs and an assembly when students sang Christmas carols were othetr features Friday afternoon at the La Joya school after the final classes were dismissed at noon.

Suit For $23,000 Damages Is Filed

EDINBURG—Damages of $23,000 are asked by C. O. Watson, Edinburg citrus grower, in a suit filed in civil district court Saturday against Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement district No. 1, which serves the Edinburg and North McAllen areas. The suit alleges damage to 40 acres of land three miles north of the courthouse here on U. S. Highway 281. Watson contends the damage occurred from continuous canal overflows.

Saturday May Have Been Officially First Day Of Winter But Weather Has Been Wintry For At Least Six Weeks

CHICAGO—(AP)—The almanac says it was the first day of winter Saturday.

Practically the entire country, however, has known about winter for at least six weeks. Armistice Day had terrific wind and snow storms. A sub-zero Arctic wave in the north, floods, in Texas, followed early in December.

Nevertheless the winter solstice began at 5:55 p. m. (CST) Saturday. It was also the shortest day of the year.

Contrarily, the first day of winter arrived with mild temperatures over most of the nation, Forecaster H. A. Downs said. It was morde than 25 degrees above normal, for example, in Montana and North Dakota, with a high of 56 at Great Falls, Mont.

Downs said it would continue mild over the week-end in the mid west. A change to somewhat colder weather was due early next week but, he added, there appeared to be little chance of new snow for a white Christmas. It may rain, instead, Christmas Day.

LOCAL MAN IS LOW BIDDER

Lockhart In Line For Brownsville Job

BROWNSVILLE — John Lockhart, Harlingen contractor, was low bidder on a new Jones Transfer Co., Inc., warehouse project here with a bid of $9,600 according to Woolridge and Torres, Brownsville, architects for the job.

Work will start after the first of the year, and the warehouse will be located on Fronton street across from the ice plant, it was said.

The structure will be one story high, 80 feet wide and 100 feet long. It will be built of concrete and tile.

Other bidders included' Nick and Ferguson, S. W. McKenzie and Holden and Archer, all of Brownsville; and Moser Construction Co. of McAllen.

Christmas Week For Orphans Proclaimed

AUSTIN—(AP)—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel proclaimed Dec. 22-28 as "Orphans Christmas Week" and urged citizens to "open their homes and hearts" to inmates of state and other orphans' homes.

The governor last Sunday suggested the procedure of taking orphans into homes for Christmas and his plan was well received.

Cadet Arrives Home

HARLINGEN — Cadet Charles Raymond Burk, son of Mrs. Bessie Burk, owner of the Reese-Wilmond Hotel here, left Wednesday from Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., to spend the Christmas holidays here. Cadet Burk was one of 600 cadets who closed the fall term work at Riverside December 18.

Hurt In Crash

Two Collisions Occur In McAllen

McALLEN—One person was injured in a series of two auto crashes Friday evening within a block of each other on the main highway.

Mrs. D. M. McEachern of McAllen was given emergency treatment at City Hospital for slight injuries suffered when the car her husband was driving was in collision with one driven by T. W. Longino of McAllen at the intersection of Second street and Highway avenue. Their son, Marvin, suffered slight cuts.

The collision occurred, investigating officers said, as McEachern's car was being driven on to the highway at the intersection. Both autos were badly damaged.

Mac Henderson of Pharr was fined a total of $30 on three road violation charges and his license suspended for six months Saturday morning by Justice of the Peace T. W. Kelly as the aftermath of a collision in which his car figured Friday night. The collision occurred at the Third street-Highway avenue intersection.

State Patrolman A. B. Nail, County Patrolman Harris Cozby, Chief of Police Noah Cannon and Patrolman Earl Hersh investigated both crashes.

NEW STATION TO BE BUILT

Conoco Will Locate At McAllen

McALLEN — Construction of a $10,000 service station for the Continental Oil Company on the northeast corner of Main street and Beech avenue will be started as soon as a house located on the property is moved, representatives of the company announced Saturday.

The corner is being purchased from R. A. Ewing of Edcouch for $7,500, according to Frank L. Gilbert, McAllen real estate man handling the deal. He said the transfer would be completed when the abstract and title are checked by the oil firm's legal department.

A permit for the erection of a $7,500 brick and glass service station was taken out Saturday, and officials estimated that equipment and landscaping would raise the total cost to $10,000.

The company's decision to locate at McAllen was made when the city commission Friday night amended an ordinance which now provides that before a filling station can be built in the city at a location in which two-thirds of the buildings within a distance of 500 feet along the line of the same street or streets from the proposed building, the builder must have the written consent of the owners of two-thirds of the residential property owners. The old section required the written consent of all property owners, whether business or residential.

The building permit for the Conoco station was issued after the company presented the necessary signatures.

Christmas Music

San Juan Church To Present Choir

SAN JUAN—Annual program of Christmas music will be presented by the choir of the San Juan People's Church Sunday night, under direction of Miss Doris Ewing. Choir includes 30 members.

Program includes "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "The Shepherd's Story," "Holy Season," "Angels From The Realms of Glory," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," two selections by the junior high school sextette; "Contique de Noel," Mrs. Paul Hetrick; "We Three Kings of Christ Are," "The Gloria," "The First Noel," "Oh, Little Town of Belthlehem," Mrs. C. M. Harris; "Silent Night," and "The Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel.

Choir includes Mesdames Paul Hetrick, Clyde Johnson, Lee Green, C. M. Harris, Clark Bellenbruch, H. A. Cox, T. E. Thompson, J. Beaty Smith, and Misses Mary Claire Gossage, Frances Cron and Berta Lou Hindes, all sopranos; altos, Mesdames Banks Miller, Ray Wilson, John Spencer, John Zipp, R. E. Williams, G. C. Ritchey, and Misses Alberta Platt and Mae Marie Buckner.

Tenors are Bryan Harris, Tom Rabinold, H. L. McCombs, Frank Hall, Max Burkhart, Alfred Sorensen; basses, H. D. Munal, Banks Miller, Jr., Dillon McDaniel, Jesse Johnson, Jerry Stugard, R. E. Williams, J. C. Doedyns.

To Visit In Mexico

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Helen S. Craig and Miss Gloria Van Slyck, both of Dallas, drove into Brownsville Saturday morning and left via Pan American Airways for Mexico City, where they plan to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Christmas 'Adoptions' Of Orphans Is Widespread

By The Associated Press

A steady procession of Texans will drop by the state children's homes at Corsicana and Waco Sunday to get a "son" or "daughter" for Christmas.

Governor O'Daniel announced last Sunday that his family would play host Christmas week to two youngsters from state homes for underprivileged children, and asked other families to make similar temporary "adoptions" if feasible.

Superintendent J. S. Halley said applications to the state orphans' home at Corsicana greatly exceeded the supply of children under 14 years old. Approximately 500 applications have been sent in, he said, and more than 250 children already have been assigned for the Christmas period.

First In History

This is the first time in the history of the local institution that children have been assigned to private homes for the holidays.

The O'Daniel family selected six-year-old Wanda Kilgore from the Corsicana home and four-year-old Charles Goodson from the Waco home to share Christmas festivities in the governor's mansion.

State highway patrolmen and local police will be called to handle traffic at Waco Sunday at noon when the governor is expected to arrive for the Goodson lad. Many other Texans probably will reach Waco at about the same time to get their young Christmas guests.

104 Promised Already

One hundred and four children from the Waco home already have been definitely promised to families, and additional requests are expected to take all the children who can leave.

Some receiving special treatment or having severe colds will not be permitted to go.

Governor and Mrs. O'Daniel are scheduled to arrive at Corsicana at 3 p.m. Sunday to pick up little Miss Kilgore. A public reception for the chief executive will be held at the orphans home.

Thirty boys and girls, or about one third of those at the state colored orphans home at Gilmer, will be adopted for Christmas. The hosts, from as far away as Wichita Falls, Houston and Dallas, will call for the children today.

Christmas Services Are Set For Donna

DONNA—Christmas services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Methodist Church here. Rev. Oscar E. Linstrum, pastor, will speak on "Symbols of Christmas," and at the 7:30 p.m. service, on "Bethlehem's Gift."

Carols will be included in the special Christmas music, and at the evening service a candlelight ceremony will be held.

Carols Program Set

HARLINGEN — Christmas services will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., with singing of Christmas carols and hymns under direction of H. M. Chilcoat. Rev. J. B. Wilder, pastor, urged the general public to attend.

CAMP BOWIE'S MEN ON LEAVE

Draftees Sent Home For Christmas

BROWNWOOD — (AP) — Soldiers scattered from Camp Bowie Saturday on Christmas leaves until reville Thursday when additional troops will begin arriving.

Headquarters of the 36th division announced the camp was 60 per cent complete, with facilities, including roads, 98 per cent ready for the 36th.

Work proceeded at full speed Saturday although some mud persisted despite five days of sunshine. A total of 12,073 men drew $335,442 in wages during the last week.

The 1,217 enlisted men and 125 officers were reported comfortably housed with stoves already in 1,151 tents while 889 more can be installed in a few hours when required.

Headquarters again declared there was no influenza epidemic and said there were no serious cases. Those with colds were sent to the hospital for two days.

MRS. EDELSTEIN RECOVERS

McALLEN—Mrs. J. Edelstein, who had been confined to the City Hospital for the past week because of a serious illness, was returned to her home Friday. Friends said she had recovered from the sickness and felt much improved Saturday.

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DRAFT BOARDS SENT QUOTAS

Texas Is To Supply 7312 In 2 Calls

AUSTIN—(AP)—Local draft boards Saturday were mailed the number of class 1-A registrants each will be required to furnish to complete Texas' quota of 7,312 men for the January 13-February 4 induction period, selective service headquarters announced.

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Being one of the pioneers in canning pink grapefruit segments, we shall continue production of this item. Segments of White Marsh and Duncan fruit will also be canned, as well as the usual line of juices.

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Adminstration Ponders Labor Compromise In Contracting Armaments

CONTRACT TO COMPLY WITH WAGNER ACT?

Workers Still Balk Defense Program

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The administration was reported Saturday to be studying means of compromising the one major controversy that has cropped up over national defense—whether armament contracts shall include a clause requiring compliance with labor laws.

Broader Clause

Informed sources said the war department was considering a broader clause than that now included in defense contracts. At present, contractors need only pledge observance of the Walsh-Healy Act under which the labor department can fix wage and hour standards for an industry.

Some officials doubted that any concessions would include the proposal of Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission, and CIO leaders that the contracts state specifically that employers must comply with the Wagner Act guaranteeing labor the right to organize and bargain collectively.

Seek Compromise

In seeking a compromise the war department was represented to be trying to reconcile conflicting views both within and without the defense commission, with the primary objective of preventing any delay in defense preparations.

The navy has not figured in the latest phase of the labor controversy, but logically would be governed by any alteration of contracts. It has concurred with the expressed view of William S. Knudsen, defense commissioner in charge of production, that stipulations not specifically required by law had no logical place in defense orders. Congress directed that the Walsh-Healy stipulation be included in all contracts of $10,000 or over.

GIRL CLAIMS WAS SEDUCED

Insurance Broker Is Placed In Jail

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—(AP)—A story of seduction and betrayal, told by a 17-year-old stenographer, placed Isaac Brown, 41, New York insurance broker, behind bars, charged with felonious assault.

The story was related by Matilda Le Boyer, daughter of a New York lawyer, from her cot in Mount Vernon Hospital, where she was taken suffering from knife wounds in the throat.

Police Chief Michael I. Silverstein quoted the girl as saying Brown had brought her here to have an abortion performed.

Instead, Silverstein said the girl charged, Brown, while walking with her to a "doctor's" house, took her into a parking lot, bound her hands, looped radio wire around her neck, stabbed her in the throat with a penknife and left her there.

Brown, who is married, denied the charge, as well as responsibility for the girl's condition.

The girl said she met Brown last July when she answered his advertisement for a stenographer.

City Cooperates In Community Singing

SAN BENITO—City officials and business men are cooperating with the San Benito Music clubs in sponsoring the annual Christmas Community Sing scheduled for 9 p.m. Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at the corner of West Batts street and Sam Houston boulevard by the Central Power and Light company building.

Mrs. G .C. Schurman will direct the program and all members of church choirs and other singers are requested to meet at the Christian church at 4p.m. Sunday for massed choir rehearsal.

Pan American Chief Holidays In Mexico

BROWNSVILLE — Erwin Balluder, western division manager for Pan American Airways, was scheduled to leave Brownsville Saturday afternoon by Pan American Airways for Mexico City, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Mrs. Balluder and their two daughters, Carmen and Gerda, left Brownsville Friday by plane for Mexico.

Red Cross Meeting Set For January 13

SAN BENITO—The annual membership meeting of the Harlingen-San Benito chapter of the American Red Cross will be held January 13 at the Collins Insurance office. Naming of a chapter chairman to succeed Joe A. Sloan, who recently resigned, and other officials is slated for this session. All members of the Red Cross are eligible to attend and vote.

Three Are Hurt As Ireland Is Bombed

DUBLIN — (AP) — Three persons were injured and several houses damaged when two bombs dropped by an unidentified air raider fell in Dun Laoghaire (Kingston), only seven miles from brilliantly-lighted Dublin, capital city of neutral Eire.

The government information bureau gave brief details of the incidents but there was no official indication whether a protest would be mad-

Don't Let Him Ruin Your Holiday Trip

Fruit Cake Returned To Its Sender Somewhat Drier But Still Unbitten Following Long Trip Around Europe

CUMBERLAND, Md.— (AP) —A wandering fruit cake is home again after a tour of Europe.

Mailed December 1, 1939, by Frank Bennett as a Christmas present to his son, Ernest, engaged in war relief work abroad, it arrived at Valencia, Spain, after Ernest had left for France.

The cake arrived in several French towns just behind Ernest, and reached Paris a few days after Ernest moved out before the German occupation.

Unbitten, the cake came back after 383 days to Father Frank.

"A wee bit dry, but improved with age," Bennett said after sampling it.

Kiwanis Head Dines 8 Past-Presidents

SAN BENITO—Past presidents of the San Benito Kiwanis club were entertained at dinner Friday night by C. L. Milner, newly elected president, at his home in Valencia Park. Former presidents attending the dinner were Mayor Louis S. Witte, Dr. E. T. Morris, J. P. Ellis, John Prentiss, Morgan Finley, S. V. Neely, Elmer Morris and Joe A. Sloan. Mr. Milner served as secretary of the club during the administration of each of these past presidents and this meeting was the first ever held of the former officials.

Italy, Spain and the United States are the leading producers of mercury.

Lights Contestants Urged To Register

SAN BENITO—All San Benitans who plan to enter the yard and home Christmas decorations contest are requested to register with the chamber of commerce office before 5 p. m. Tuesday. The judging of special decorations will take place that night by a committee selected by Mrs. J. C. Tucker, president of the San Benito Garden club. There will be three cash awards for first, second and third places.

FHA REPORTS BUILDING HIKE

New Construction In Defense Areas

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The FHA said Saturday that increases as much as 155 percent in new home construction had been registered in areas where the national defense program has accelerated industrial activity.

Administrator Abner H. Ferguson said in a statement that these new homes were being financed by FHA-insured loans 'through the established machinery of private builders and private lending institutions."

During the 18 weeks ended November 30, which Ferguson said was the period when defense production was "getting under way on a major scale," a total of 64,542 new small homes were financed, an increase for the nation of 33.5 percent over the same period in 1939.

The 155 percent increase over the 1939 period, Ferguson said, was reported by FHA's Hartford office. The Cincinnati office reported a 123 percent increase and the Richmond, Va., office 94 percent.

Exes To Banquet

A. & I. Ex-Students Meeting Friday

HARLINGEN — Ex-students of Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, will stage a holiday reunion dinner at the Madison Hotel Friday, December 27, at 6 p.m., local committeemen said Saturday.

President Loftin and Dean Conner of the college, as well as other members of the faculty and board of directors, and prominent Valley citizens, will attend. Jerry Elliott, committeeman, said. The affair will be stag, Elliott said, and entertainment and luncheon will be $1.50. Reservations should be forwarded immediately to Bodin-Elliott, Box 1268 here.

Unmarried Waitress Held In Slaying Of Daughter

BABYLON, N. Y.—(AP)—A 20-year-old unmarried waitress held on murder charges in the death of her new-born daughter Thursday admitted Saturday, Suffolk county authorities reported, that she had snuffed out the life of a baby born to her two years ago.

The young woman, the mother of a 4-year-old son, was named by Lindsay R. Henry, chief assistant district attorney, as Emma Louise Chichester. She was taken to a hospital pending arraignment next week. A sister, Mary, 17, and their father, Israel, were held as material witnesses.

An anonymous phone call to the police of this Long Island village brought about her arrest Friday night. The caller said the woman's daughter was wrapped in blankets in a bureau drawer of the Chichester home.

The body was found there and Henry later announced that the woman had admitted smothering the infant shortly after its unattended birth. A few hours after the birth, Henry said, the woman went to work at the tavern where she was employed.

Malaria continued a downward trend in the United States in 1939 for the sixth consecutive year.

BENEFIT BALL SET DEC. 27

Bundles For Britain Sponsors Dance

WESLACO—A committee meeting for the Bundles for Britain Ball, to be held Friday, December 27, at Miller's Grill, was held at the home of Mrs. Tom Sammons Thursday night and plans for the ball were discussed. Mrs. Sammons, chairman of the Weslaco chapter of Bundles for Britain, and Mrs. Morris Allen, chairman of the Mercedes chapter, appointed the following chairmen of committees: Ted Cressner, Weslaco, decorations; Mrs. Jack Zellafro, Weslaco, favors; Joe Davidson, Weslaco, and Mrs. Marvin Farley, Mercedes, publicity, and Tom Sammons, Weslaco, radio publicity.

Edgar Yates and Charles Wheeler of Mercedes represented the 20-30 club of Mercedes at the meeting and offered their assistance in selling tickets. Mrs. Sammons said that the 20-30 clubs of Weslaco, Harlingen, San Benito and Brownsville are also assisting.

Present also at the meeting were Mrs. Marvin Farley and David Allen of Mercedes.

PHARR LIGHTS DISPLAY SET

Park Decorated For Xmas Season

PHARR—The community Christmas lighting display in the City Park sponsored by the Garden and Kiwanis clubs was completed Friday with attractive arrangements of lights on both the band stand and the water fountain.

The bandstand has been converted into a homelike atmosphere, with fireplace, Christmas tree and stockings, with two little girls waiting at the chimney for Santa to come. A large Santa is on top of the bandstand, illuminated by flood lights. A large lighted star hangs high above the bandstand and to the side.

The water fountain has been attractively decorated with vari-colored lights.

The display is visible from the highway and has attracted the interest of the passers-by on the main Valley highway.

Merchants and individuals contributed approximately $60 to make the display possible.

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PIUS PLEADS FOR PRAYERS DURING XMAS

Pope Concerned For Children In War

VATICAN CITY—(AP)—Pope Pius XII asked the world's Catholics Saturday to pray at Christmastime for the sufferers of war and to remember in charity these "little brothers who are without bread, without clothing and without family."

In a letter to Cardinal Magilone, the Papal secretary of state, the Pontiff expressed concern for the children and urged that "everyone do what he can, where he can, how he can."

He expressed once again hope the warring countries would "do honor to the good traditions of civilized life by not permitting the children of belligerent countries or those in any way involved in the war to suffer unmerited pain . . ."

He had done all he could, he said, to avert the ills of war, but he had met "difficulties at all times more serious still than those in the past World War—some of them inherent to the very nature of the scourge which is raging; others, we must also say, interposed by the will of men."

Thus, "armed only with the arms of truth, justice and Christian charity, that which we can do still once more is to invite all propitating prayer and significant beneficent action."

RELIEF DRIVE IS POSTPONED

Boy Scouts Collect Supplies Monday

HARLINGEN—Rain forced postponement of the collection of food, clothing and toys for Christmas baskets to be distributed by the Salvation Army and allied organizations, Legion Commander Dan Heslop said, but that scouts would make the house-to-house canvass Monday beginning at 9:30 a. m.

The canvass was set originally for Saturday afternoon. Salvation Army, the Legion, churches and other civic organizations have cooperated in the Christmas Basket Exchange, and some 500 baskets are being filled at the Army's headquarters on North Commerce avenue. Baskets will be distributed to needy families Christmas Eve.

Considerable amount of canned food, staples, new and repaired toys, and clothing has been assembled at Salvation Army headquarters, but Heslop and co-workers indicated more supplies are urgently needed, and appealed to citizens to donate these items. They will be collected Monday morning by the scouts.

Repaired toys assembled by the firemen here have been turned over to the Christmas Basket Exchange, whereas in past years firemen have distributed gifts to tots of needy families.

Picnic Planned

All-States Program Is Due In February

McALLEN—Representatives from several states in the Valley called by Roy Johnston, president of the "All States" picnic, met Friday morning at Legion hall to discuss the event.

Each state president or state representative was asked to appoint a committee from each state in order to decide on registration badges representing their home state and to plan stunts with which to answer the roll call at the picnic to be held in McAllen the first week in February.

Johnston also urged each person to send a card back home asking their friends to come down to the Valley in time for the all-day celebration. Those attending the meeting here were Mrs. J. H. Humble of Colorado, Fred Clapsaddle, president of the Iowa group; Miss Frances Golong of Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice of Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hall of Minnesota, Mrs. Spencer H. Sterling of Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Holman of North Dakota, Mrs. Razor and Mrs. G. M. Baldwin of Ohio and Mrs. Flitner of Wyoming.

County Judges Back FD In British Help

AUSTIN—(AP)—The executive and legislative committees of the County Judges and Commissioners Association Saturday telegraphed President Roosevelt their approval of his "efforts to rush all possible aid to England as well as our own defense."

The judges said they spoke as the elected officials "closest to the people of Texas."

Culberson To Take Oath On January 2

AUSTIN—(AP)—Olin Culberson, railroad commissioner-elect, said Saturday he would take the oath of office January 2 at 2 p.m. in the senate chamber.

The attorney general's department has ruled that the term of Chairman Lon A. Smith whom Culberson will replace on the three-man regulatory agency expires January 1.

Hospital Releases Auto Crash Victim

OLNEY—(AP)—Arch S. Underwood, Lubbock cotton man, who was injured in an automobile accident near here Thursday, was released from a hospital Friday and was being returned to his home at Lubbock in an ambulance.

Mrs. Underwood was only slightly injured.

Conquest Of Europe Termed Top Story Of 1940; Top 10 Listed By AP

Roosevelt's Third Term Ranks Second With Defense Program Third; War Stories Predominate

By MORGAN M. BEATTY
AP Feature Service Writer

The battle of the headlines also was news in 1940!

World shattering events jostled each other for front page positions in the nation's newspapers. And the newspapers, before they could print these stories had to GET them.

Hard working reporters and skillful editors enabled the papers to get this news and to play it properly. And enable us to give you again an impartial well-informed estimate on the year's big stories.

Morgan M. Beatty

More than a score of news editors and other newsmen — men who helped gather and put together your daily budget of news around the world — helped pick these Big Ten stories of 1940:

1. German invasion of Norway, the Low Countries and France.
2. Renomination and election of Roosevelt for a third term.
3. National defense program, climaxed by the peacetime draft.
4. Battle of Britain.
5. Evacuation of Dunkerque.
6. Trade of U. S. destroyers for British naval bases.
7. Greco-Italian war.
8. Russo-Finnish war.
9. Axis-Japanese pact for redistribution of the world's wealth.
10. The Act of Havana, providing for common hemisphere defense.

The judging job was worse than filling out an income tax return. For first place the board of judges was almost evenly divided between (1) the precedent shattering renomination and election of the President, and (2) the German spring invasions.

Fuse For Many Bombs

I cast the deciding vote, giving the German invasion the edge because I felt that continuous event set off the whole string of news explsions that shook the world in 1940. That put the Roosevelt election in second place.

An extremely close third was the American national defense program, headed up by the unprecedented drafting of American manpower in peacetime.

The battle of Britain easily commanded fourth place. But the selection for fifth position presented a strange problem in news judgment. Upon first thought, the escape at Dunkerque seemed to be a part of the battle of France. But the editorial board insisted on giving that parcel of British heroism a ranking position.

Destroyer Deal A Surprise

The deal between the United States and Great Britain, trading 50 old destroyers for future leases on British territory in the western hemisphere, developed over-whelming pressure for sixth position. It had the elements of surprise contained by only one other story of the year—the German invasion.

Those satellite wars—the Greco-Italian affair now commanding front page headlines, and the Russo-Finnish set-to—edged into seventh and eighth places because of the appeal of the fighting underdog. Without it, they'd have been sideshows.

The Axis-Japanese pact which took No. 9 position was historically significant because three powers publicly planned a redistribution of world wealth before they had that wealth to divide. Odd, audacious, perhaps ludicrous, depending on the future course of events.

Last in the Big Ten, but far from least in the long list of important stories fo 1940, comes the Act of Havana.

The quality of the leftovers is surprisingly high. Take "Galloping Gertie," the Tacoma bridge that shimmied into oblivion. Or Leopold's surrender, or Carol's abdication, or the Windsors going to the Bahamas and, eventually, the United States.

The kidnaping of Marc de Tristan, Jr., the Trotsky assassination, the threat of famine in Europe in the midst of world plenty, the smashing British victories in the Mediterranean, the Knox and Stimson appointments to the Roosevelt cabinet, and John Lewis' bet on the wrong presidential horse—all warranted Big Ten position in any year save crowded 1940.

(For Ten Best Valley Stories, see Monday's Valley Morning Star.)

Top Ten Stories Of 1939

1. France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.
2. British royal couple visits U. S.
3. Congress repeals arms embargo.
4. Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.
5. Hitler escapes death in Munich bomb explosion.
6. Will F.D.R. choose to run?
7. Thanksgiving date debate.
8. Sit-down strikes outlawed by Supreme Court.
9. Dies committee battles "isms."
10. Fascist Franco wins Spanish civil war.

Top Ten Stories Of 1938

1. Munich conference.
2. Republican gains in off-year elections.
3. Anti-Semitism.
4. New England hurricane.
5. Douglas Corrigan's "wrong way" flight .
6. U. S. rearmament.
7. War in China.
8. Business recovery.
9. Martian invasion scare.
10. The Whitney case.

Charged Water Flows Out Of Faucets And Customers Think It Fine Stuff But It All Turns Out To Be Mistake

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Apartment dwellers in a west side district thought it was quite splendid of the city water department when they turned on their kitchen faucets and got charged water. Right at the start of the holiday, too.

But it didn't last. Sid Benedict, water engineer, finally located the cause of the effervescent beverage which the city was serving.

A service station attendant in the neighborhood by mistake—at least he told Benedict it was a mistake—had attached an air compressor hose to a city water pipe instead of to the station's air pipe.

Benedict said the department got a lot of complaints after the error was corrected.

Congratulations

MISSION — Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Jenkins of Mission on the birth of a daughter Friday morning at the Medical Arts Clinic in Mission. The baby, who weighted eight pounds, is the granddaughter of Sheriff and Mrs. R. T. Daniel. She is the first baby born in the new clinic.

Alto Theatre
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— SUNDAY — MONDAY — TUESDAY
RICHARD DIX in
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MAUREEN O'HARA, LOUIS HAYWARD, LUCILLE BALL and RALPH BELLAMY in
"Dance Girl Dance"
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BARBARA STANWYCK and JOEL McCREA in
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XMAS EVENTS ARE PLANNED

McAllen Tourists To Stage Party

McALLEN—Christmas events will feature activities of tourists in McAllen during the coming week. A party will be held Christmas Eve, Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m. at Legion hall and a dinner will be held Christmas Day at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Monday at 4 p. m. there will be a conducted tour to Reynosa, Mexico, with a wild game dinner at 6 p. m. The advanced Spanish class will meet at the regular hour at Legion hall. All other classes will be suspended until the following Friday. Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. there will be a Christmas tree at Legion hall. All tourists and winter visitors are asked to bring a 10-cent gift and place their name in a basket so that each person present may receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Wednesday at 11:30 a. m. there will be a pre-luncheon reception in the Spanish room at the Casa de Palmas; at 12 noon a turkey dinner will be served and the afternoon will be spent in playing novel Christmas games. Tourists are asked to register by noon Tuesday.

Thursday at 1:30 p. m. there will be a tour to the "Ever Green" fields and Engelman Gardens. The tour will leave from the chamber of commerce building. Friday at 9:30 a. m. the Spanish club will meet followed at 11 a. m. by the Sewing club. At 2 p. m. the regular game party will be held in Legion hall.

38 Men Called

Draftees At Mission Inducted Jan. 20

MISSION—Thirty-eight men will be called from Hidalgo County Draft Board No. 2, Mission Selective Service program, to report at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, January 20, the board was notified Saturday. All of the men must be white. They will be inducted into the army Monday, January 20, leaving Mission Sunday night, January 19, it is expected. The new quota exceeds more than four times the first call quota of eight men sent in November.

Comment Refused On Foreign Ship Sales

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary Hull declined Saturday to comment on statements made in Berlin to the effect that Germany would consider it an unfriendly act if the United States requisitioned foreign flag ships now in American ports and sold them to the British government.

The secretary was asked at his press conference if he would give the views of the American government on the question and replied in the negative.

Henderson Boy Dies In Fall From Horse

HENDERSON—(AP)—T. Grant McLemore, 6, was killed Saturday when he fell from his bucking horse near Joinerville.

Officers said the youth died of head injuries when his head struck the ground. His arm was mangled by a road maintainer that was moving nearby. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

American Is Taken From U. S. Steamship

ABOARD THE S.S. EXCAMBION AT BERMUDA—(AP)—British authorities removed an American citizen, Oscar Stabler, barber on the Excambion, when the ship, en route to New York, called at Bermuda. The charges were not disclosed. Stabler was born at Stuttgart, Germany.

Near-Sneeze And Rain Caused This

Eddie Schrage of Mission, driver of this tank truck, said that he lost control of it on the slippery pavement west of La Feria Friday morning when he felt a sneeze coming on. The sneeze failed to materialize but the truck ploughed through the mud and sheered off an ornamental palm tree. The tank is shown here being emptied of its load through a hose attached to another truck. The truck is property of J. C. Kelly of Edinburg.

The World Of John Doe Changed By 1940 News

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE
AP Feature Service Writer

Much of the world that John Doe, average American, learned to live in blew up in 1940.

For a few months, events abroad and at home were comparatively placid. The European conflict seemed a "phoney" war. (Remember?) The usual preliminary fireworks heralded the presidential contest, but folks were not greatly steamed up.

Even Germany's quick gobbling up of Denmark and Norway, and the British retreat from the northern front, did not dislodge John Doe's belief that "the impregnable Maginot line" and "the crack French army" still were a most potent pair of military aces.

A. R. George

Then on May 10 came the Nazi lightning. Across Holland and Belgium, which had staked their safety on pledges of neutrality, and into France rolled the German juggernaut. Within 40 days, Hitler pushed from the Rhine to the English Channel. The soldiers of a new Napoleon held western Europe from the Arctic Circle to sunny Spain.

John Doe was awed by the swift and annihilating onslaught of this new military machine, with its tanks, flame-throwing infantrymen, dive bombers, fifth columnists and parachutists.

John Doe began to wonder how long England could hold out and whether "it might happen here."

His demands for super-defense turned a budget-minded Congress into the No. 1 peace-time spender.

Along came Wendell Willkie, a new kind of presidential prospect. The former Democrat and utilities executive, with his amazing candor, captured the fancy of anti-administration voters. Despite his Wall Street background he won the Republican nomination to kick the props from under another political tradition.

A Tradition Is Broken

Then shortly after midnight on July 19, Joe Doe listened at his radio as a President in shirt sleeves sat before a microphone in the White House and told the nation that because of "over-riding public danger" he would accept a third term if the people drafted him.

John Doe, showered with political shrapnel, saw his son register for possible war service, along with 16,400,000 other young men. The fury of the campaign sent John Doe and his cousins to the polls on November 5 in greater numbers than ever before. And the third-term tradition was broken.

Japan and liberty-loving France, meanwhile, had gone totalitarian. Churchill had been given dictatorial powers to fight the Battle of Britain.

"All out" aerial warfare put millions of Europe's civilians into the front lines. Apprehensive John Doe saw the first batch of draftees set off for training camps but he heard criticisms of a "lag" in arms production.

He read of power plant explosions with hints of sabotage.

But good news came too—the boom in industrial production, the increase in factory payrolls and farm income. Not so good was a rising cost of living.

Balancing it all at year's end, John felt that he was sitting pretty compared with his cousins in almost any other part of the world.

Officers Dine With Men Before Arrests

ROXBORO, N. C.—(AP)—Sheriff W. T. Clayton and deputies surprised a trio distilling moonshine whiskey—but mingled with the odors of alcohol was another odor, that of a cooking stew.

So the officers joined the distillers in a good old-fashioned outdoor feed before taking them to jail.

BOARD SENDS 100 BLANKS

Total 250 Draftees Now Called Here

HARLINGEN—An additional 100 questionnaires, making a total of 250 sent out by the Harlingen draft board, have been sent to selective service registrants and 31 men are to be sent for a year's military training from the Harlingen area January 16, said Ralph Ormesher, clerk. Seven men were furnished on the first call in November.

Not as many volunteers are now being received as desired and there is a fine opportunity for young men wishing to get their year's military training behind them to do so, Ormesher said. The opportunity is especially good for those whose jobs are not of the best at this time because they can enlist, serve their time in the service, and then be ready to accept any better position that is offered without being faced by prospects of taking military service, Ormesher pointed out.

"Speaking as a former service man, I would say that a year's military training is a fine thing for a young man," Ormesher said.

Canadian and British immigrants comprise by far the greatest portion of Detroit's foreign-born.

FIESTA SETS TOURIST DAY

Visitors To Compete For Cash Prize

MISSION—Winter visitors from various states will compete for a cash prize to be offered by the Texas Citrus Fiesta, to be held in Mission next month when Tourist Day will be held Saturday, January 18. The award will be made to the largest representation from any certain state entered in the Tourist Parade which will be one of the entertainments planned for the special day, it was announced this week by Vance H. Glasgow, general chairman of the celebration.

All winter visitors in the Valley will be contacted and invited to participate in the events. In each city, the president of each tourist club will be asked to line up other tourists and explain the plans.

Paul Vickers, McAllen Chamber of Commerce secretary, will deliver the sermon at the Union Service, to be held Sunday night, January 19, as the closing event of the three-day celebration, Mr. Glasgow said Saturday. Vickers will talk on "Exemplified Americanism."

City Pays Cop For Bill At Dentist's

AUSTIN—(AP)—City Motorcycle Officer John Ott collided with a city fire truck several months ago. His dental bill was $125.

Saturday Acting City Manager James A. Garrison announced the city would pay the bill.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To Our Citrus Growers and Other Valley Friends

The following verses were composed by Miss Mary Berchmans of Brownsville, and are reprinted from the Valley Morning Star issue of November 10th, for their historical and poetic value pertaining to the Rio Grande Valley's most important industry:

WHERE THE "VALLEY" GOT ITS "MAGIC"

'Twas the "Padres" put the "Magic"
In the "Valley" long ago.
As they rode upon their missions
'Mid our ranches, to and fro.
In this land, along whose border
Rio Grande's waters flow.

Now that "Magic" which they planted
In our citrus fruits doth glow,
And if to Laguna Seca
In your travels you should go.
You would see our first "narajos"
Standing proudly in a row.

Would you like to hear the story
Of those ancient orange trees?
Then hearken to the whisperings
Of their branches and their leaves,
As they rustle and they murmur
In our "Magic Valley's" breeze.

There have been some seventy harvests
Since this "rancho" that you see
First became the "hacienda"
Of the Vela family
Now we count five generations
Of that great old family tree.

The offspring of the earliest
Were but children, so I've heard,
When there came a weary Oblate,
Riding circuit for his Lord
And he, at Laguna Seca,
Stopped to preach the Master's Word.

From the Mother Church at Brownsville
He had traveled o'er the land,
And he bore, as was his custom,
Presents, for the childish band
That ran eagerly to greet him,
And to clasp his kindly hand.

Now this day it was an orange,
Shining golden in the sun,
And the seeds were duly planted
When the simple feast was done,
By the "Padre" tired and weary,
And a happy little one.

Now the seedlings grew and prospered
'Neath the sun, so bright and gay,
Which lights up our "Magic Valley"
And its products, day by day,
But which shines with special splendor
On our citrus fruits' array.

Do you see those rings around them?
"Looks like concrete," did you say?
They are Mexican "adobe."
Made of hardened, sun-baked clay,
And they've guarded these, our veterans,
Oh! For many and many a day.

See that old "vaquero," seated
In the shadow of those trees,
He remembers well their planting,
Saw the "Padre" on his knees,
And the little child beside him,
Laughing gaily in the breeze.

He has often told the story,
How he watched the seedlings grow,
And, a child, with other children,
Ate the golden fruit aglow,
And he grew up with those orange trees,
From seventy years ago.

They have stoutly stood time's testing,
Fierce high winds and hard cold, too,
One winter frozen to the ground,
Springtime saw them sprout anew,
And again their scented blossoms
Opened in the morning dew.

"Cinco generaciones"
Have enjoyed their fine "sabor,"
And the little ones still come to lisp
"Naranja, por favor,"
As with longing eyes they gave upon
The ancients' golden store.

Now, if you think the citrus trees
To a ripe old age can grow,
Then, go, plant yourself an orchard
Of these fruit-trees, row on row;
Enjoy their springtime crown of white
And their harvest's golden glow.

—By S. M. B.

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The tree prices are now as low as quality trees can be grown for. Remember that any other kind is dear at any price.

I appreciate the opportunity of discussing the subject with any prospective buyer and wish to thank my customers for their patronage the past year. Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

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LA FERIA

ITALIAN NAVY INTO ACTION WITH GREEKS

Rome Says Coast Is Bombarded Anew

By The Associated Press

ROME—(AP)—Italy's high command declared Saturday its fleet had gone into action against Greece.

"Our naval units bombarded enemy positions along the Ionian (southwest Greek) coast effectively, hitting pre-established targets," a communique stated.

(Presumably this action took place at about the same time that the British claim that their own fleet steamed up the Ionian Sea and penetrated the Adriatic, shelling the Albanian port of Valona. The Italian high command said nothing about this claim, however, and gave no details of the action. The British had broadcast that their naval units sighted no Italian ships).

On the Albanian front, the Italians reported winning an "important posiiton," not identified.

All Greek attacks were reported repulsed, and the newspaper Il Popolo Di Roma said Italian bombers hemmed in and hammered Greek units falling back along the coast north of Porta Edda.

The high command said of the Libyan fighting merely that there was "artillery action," and praised the work of Italian fliers attacking armored British units.

Station XEAN

Radio At Matamoros Boosts Power

MATAMOROS—Civil and military authorities here Sunday will inaugurate the new 250-watt power for Station XEAN, with special ceremonies. Frequency will remain at 750 kilocycles.

Mayor Francisco Zarate will make the first of a number of speeches to be heard from prominent business men, the commander of the garrison, and Carlos A. Calderon, Mexican consul in Brownsville. A supper will be given by Manuel Salinas, owner-manager of the station.

Prominent Brownsville business men and chamber of commerce officials are among guests invited.

Music Is Announced For Sunday Service At Baptist Church

HARLINGEN—Rev. E. Douglas Carver will speak on "Around The Cradle of Jesus" at the Sunday morning services at the First Baptist Church here, according to announcement Saturday.

Foster Tebbe, at the N. A. Davidson, Jr., Memorial console organ, will select as his prelude, "Gloria in Excelis Dio." Offertory will be "Daybreak," and the choir will sing the Maunder's anthem, "Bethlehem," with Miss Emogene Oler as soloist. Postlude will be "The Shepherd's Chorus," by Lemmens from the Christmas Offertorium.

At the evening service, Rev. Carver will preach on the subject, "The Prince of Peace." Tebbe's prelude will be "The Shepherd's Song," the offertory will be "Ave Maria," and the anthem, Brahms' "Holy Night." Mrs. T. D. King will be featured soloist.

Sunday at 9 a.m. the amplified chimes will be heard from the Baptist Church, and subsequently on Sundays at that hour.

Anyway, He Thought He Was Doing Right

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—The humanitarian project of printing backwards calendars for reading in barber shop mirrors has its drawbacks.

The airplane line that did it left some of the calendars around the office overnight and the janitor threw them out. He got a load of backwards figures and figured the calendars were "spoiled."

New Finn President Plans Co-Operation

HELSINKI—(AP)—Risto Ryti, newly-elected president of Finland, pledged himself to improvement of relations with Russia, Germany and Sweden as he took the oath of office before parliament.

Two Piano Prodigies

A child prodigy of 70 years ago, Moritz Rosenthal, looked on admiringly as a keyboard prodigy of today, eight-year-old Kenneth Amada, of South Orange, N. J., made his debut in New York. The concert marked Rosenthal's 78th birthday.

Makes No Difference What You Do, The Draft Board Has A Name For It

By WORTH GATEWOOD

BROWNSVILLE — It doesn't matter what sort of work you do—Mrs. Ethel Hetrick, chief clerk of the Brownsville draft board, has a name for it.

The names of America's various occupations, listed in a manual supplied Mrs. Hetrick for classification work, are singular to say the least.

And sometimes they are downright weird.

For example:

A bull-cook-flunkey has nothing whatever to do with bulls—it's simply a name for a guy who helps in a logging camp kitchen.

Then again, there's a cabbage corer. That sounds simple, but it entails running a very complicated piece of machinery which takes the inside out of cabbage. We don't know why, either.

Other interesting jobs in the food line (probably not overcrowded either) are those of the cheese gunder, gherkin pickler, and a jawbone puller. The latter job has nothing whatever to do with dentistry—it's a branch of meat packing.

A cold-water-pool-soaker is not a winter swimming enthusiast, no matter what you think. It's the official name of the man who dips hides in a tanning plant.

Neither does a first or second faller have anything to do with the wrestling racket. The term applies to lumber jacks' ratings on cutting down trees.

Impersonator

Also listed as a legitimate profession is that of a female impersonator, although it is not explained how this fits in with the draft.

A knock-out-man isn't a Mickey Finn specialist in a third-rate emporium. According to the book, this belligerent title goes with a man who packs tobacco.

The job of nut-sorter might be applied by some people to the man who checks in patients at an asylum, but to the draft board he's the guy who separates filberts from pistachios.

Chiseling also is an honored profession in the book, which lists three types of chiselers—but they all use tools to gouge out their living.

Other seemingly criminal pursuits are recognized by the manual—rock splitter (in a quarry, not a prison), forger (the metal-working kind), and a dope mixer, which has to do with explosives—not narcotics.

Pocket Closer

Then also you can take the side-pocket closer, who ought to work in a pool-room, but in reality is a tailor's helper.

And here's aother one which seems a little odd—especially in a draft book.

It's a shake-out-girl.

However, the book hastens to explain that she has nothing to do with the strip tease. It's only a gal who shakes out the clothes in a laundry. But what has that got to do with the draft?

But that's not the worst—the book even officially lists, of all things, a slacker!

But he can still be a patriot, because the title means he is a lime drawer. Whatever that means.

US ANNOUNCES 9 POSITIONS

Civil Service Will Conduct Exams

HARLINGEN—The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examination for the position of dumpman, $3.20 a day, to be employed on Rio Grand flood control work by the International Boundary Commission, according to announcement Saturday.

Applications are being distributed at the Harlingen postoffice. Applications must be on file with the IBC at El Paso not later than January 3, Frank Lee, board secretary here, said.

Eight other positions are also open, with deadline for applications ranging about January 1. They include associate and assistant aquatic biologist, $3,200 and $2,600 a year, Fish and Wildlife Service; assistant biological aid, fishers, $1,620 a year, Fish and Wildlife Service; laboratory assistant, bacteriological, $1,260 a year, Veterans Administration, Legion, Tex.; accounting and auditing assistant, $1,800 a year; junior warehouse examiner, $2,000 a year; junior airway traffic controller, $2,000 a year, CAA; junior controlling machine operator, $1,440 a year; metallurgical engineer and metalurgist, various grades with salary from $5,600 to $3,200 a year. Full information may be secured at any first-or second-class postoffice.

Divorce Is Sought By Inventor's Wife

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—(AP)—Mrs. Lester P. Barlow, wife of the bomb inventor, testified in a divorce action that she left her husband because of his "unwarranted" investments in scientific and political ventures.

Superior Court Judge John H. King reserved decision on her petition for a divorce charging non-support.

FRENCH RELAX NAZI TENSION

No Hitler Upset Is Seen By Vichy

VICHY, France—(AP)—Despite continued silence about what clearly were parleys with Germany over collaboration, the impression grew Saturday night that tension, evident since the Laval incident, has relaxed.

A communique after a cabinet meeting made no mention of French-German relations and no more meetings were scheduled until the end of next week.

Informed circles expressed belief the government had taken the stand it was ready to continue the policy of collaboration with Germany with no further changes in the cabinet beyond the replacement of Pierre Laval, ousted foreign minister and vice-premier.

No Upset?

Indications also were that no precipitous action to upset the status quo was expected from Germany, either through total occupation of France or a request for permission to send troops through the unoccupied area.

Fernand De Brinon, French ambassador in German-occupied Paris, was reported by informed sources to have told the Germans that France would not reinstate Laval.

Brinon Acted

These sources said Brinon acted on the orders of Chief of State Philippe Petain.

There was considerable telephone activity between Paris and Vichy this afternoon and informed persons expressed the opinion a meeting between Petain and German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop was under discussion.

Bans Increased

Export Forbidden Of More Items

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In the interest of national defense, President Roosevelt issued a proclamation placing 15 additional items under the expo licensing system.

The White House said the new items consisted of miscellaneous products omitted from former proclamations and were added "for the purpose of perfecting those lists."

Saturday's items included:

Cobalt, plastic moulding machines and presses, gauges, measuring machines, balancing machines, testing machines, hydraulic pumps, tools incorporating industrial diamonds, equipment and plans for production of aviation lubricating oil, bromine, ethylene, ethylene dibromide, methylamine, strontium metals and ores, abrasives and abrasive products containing emery corundum or garnet, as well as abrasive paper and cloth.

Absent-Minded Girl Steps Out Into Air

PLAINVIEW—(AP)—Sitting in her automobile, Wanda Adams, Wayland college student, suddenly remembered a Christmas gift she had forgotten at a Plainview store.

She opened the car door, stepped out, and was taken to a hospital for treatment of severe bruises.

She also had forgotten her car was parked on a hydraulic hoist while it was being greased at a service station.

Roosevelt Prays For Hastening Of Peace

NEW YORK — (AP) — President Roosevelt, in a letter read Saturday at special services in the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, called for prayers "that the day be hastened when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of God, and the reign of moral force shall supplant brute strength in the government of men."

DEES LEAVES ON TRIP

McALLEN—W. W. Dees was called to Hughes Springs, Tex., Saturday morning by the serious illness of his mother.

British Navy Strikes

Risking a foray into the bottlenecked Adriatic, British warships hurled 100 tons of shells in the Fascist port of Valona (1) and kept up bombardment of Bardia (2) in the 12-day battle of North Africa.

Secretary Testifies Faith Healers Used Medicines For Themslves When They Became Ill; Trial Is Recessed

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Testimony that the late Guy W. Ballard, founder of the "I Am" movement, and his wife, used medical and non-medical treatments—not faith—to cure their ills formed the latetst chapter in the mail fraud of 10 of the organization's leaders.

"I couldn't see how they could heal other people when they couldn't heal themselves," commented P. B. Crouse, former secretary to Ballard after testifying as to the use by the Ballards of various medicines and treatments.

On cross examination, Crouse testified Ballard and his wife, Edna W. Ballard, received letters from persons, thanking them for help. Some of the letters were from persons he said claimed they had been healed of diseases through faith.

Mrs. Ballard is one of the defendants in the trial, which recessed until next Thursday.

Store Purchased

Kingsville Men Will Move To McAllen

McALLEN—Purchase of Western Auto Associate Store, 218 South Main, McAllen, from H. C. Quinn by Brooks Graul and Claud West of Kingsville, was announced Saturday by the new owners, who are moving to McAllen.

Graul was formerly district manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at Kingsville and West and his brother, Otis, ran the Rialto Confectionery there for several years. Graul will be joined shortly by his wife and two children, who will enter school here for the second semester.

Oil Found In Wilcox Sands Near Humbolt

FALLS CITY, Neb.—(AP)—Reports that oil was found in the Wilcox sand at the M. M. Travis well on the O. S. Stauffer farm southwest of Humboldt Saturday provided the biggest news in this southeast Nebraska oil territory since the Paunee Royalty Company brought in the R. H. Boice discovery well in November, 1939.

The Stauffer location lies along the eastern edge of the Humboldt ridge and many geologists maintain that any big production in the Forest City basin will be found along the eastern side of the Fault line, or ridge.

Y Man Leaves

Hearne To Corpus On Naval Base

E. W. Hearne, temporary manager of the Brownsville Y.M.C.A. for Fort Brown enlisted men will go to Corpus Christi Tuesday for a conference with Commander Mueller at the new Navy air base there.

Mr. Hearne was instructed by the national Y.M.C.A. council to go to Corpus Christi to confer with naval officials on enlargement of the Y.M.C.A. there to make room for several thousand navy men expected at the new base next March.

Former Hotel Owner Funeral Set Monday

McKINNEY, Tex.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held at Dallas Monday for J. L. Pfaff, 84, McKinney Hotel owner for 30 years and former state officer of the Knights of Pythias.

He died at a Dallas hospital Friday night.

JEWISH RITES TO BE STAGED

Chanukah Services Set For Valley

MERCEDES—Beginning the celebration of Chanukah, "The Feast of Lights or 'Rededication," a service will be conducted by the children of the Sunday school at Temple Beth Israel here Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p. m.

The Jewish festival commemorates the victory of the Jewish people over Antiochus, the king of Syria, in the second century B. C. Antiochus ascended the throne of Syria in 175 B. C., was a powerful and militant monarch, and extended his empire to the west as far as Egypt. Even as some are now, Antiochus then was afflicted with a totalitarian complex. An ardent follower of the Greek cultural and religious belief that he obtained in the Orient, he sought to impose it upon all his subject peoples. Among his conquests was the land of Palestine. When he took possession of Jerusalem, he drove the priests out of the temple, placed therein images and idols, sacrificed swine upon the sacred altars, and introduced the rites of pagan Hellenic mythology.

The Jewish people had accepted his political sovereignty but refused to permit the corruption of their religion. So they rallied around Judah, called the Maccabee, and gave battle. Though greatly inferior in numbers and equipment they finally after four years of warfare succeeded in driving out the Syrian invaders. Recovering possession of the Holy City, they removed the images and idols, purified the polluted altars of the sanctuary and rededicated the temple to the service of God.

The festival is a joyous one, celebrated in the homes and synagogues with prayer, plays or pageants.

Disney, Creator Of Mickey Mouse, Has Financial Trouble

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Walt Disney Productions, makers of the celebrated movie comics, entered the fiscal year September 30 with an operating loss of $259,798, a report mailed to stockholders shows. Curtailment of distributions, due largely to war conditions abroad, were listed as the principal reason.

Supplies Of Crude Oil Reported Lower

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Bureau of Mines reported stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum at the close of the week ended December 14 totaled 261,293,000 barrels, a net decrease of 359,000 barrels, compared with the previous week. Stocks of domestic oil decreased 360,000 barrels for the week and foreign crude increased 201,000 barrels.

Bus Strike Averted By Defense Groups

CLEVELAND—(AP)—Intervention by the National Defense Commission delayed threat of a strike by bus drivers for the Central, New York and Illinois Greyhound lines which originally was planned for Saturday.

Help Asked

Area Goodfellows To Give Toys

McALLEN — More than 800 Christmas packages will be distributed to needy McAllen children by the Goodfellows organization, Bill Becker said Saturday.

Becker asked that anyone who can spare the time join the Goodfellows and help distribute the packages, which will include toys, nuts and candy.

Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 75 will assist the Goodfellows. Those able and willing to help are asked to report Tuesday morning at the Goodfellows headquarters on Austin avenue.

"We need your assistance," Becker said. "Here's your chance to be a Goodfellow and help make a child happy Christmas."

Works Too Fast So Union After His Job

LONDON—(AP)—Workers in a factory turning out uniforms for the British Tommies struck because of continued employment of a cutter whom their union expelled on a charge of working too fast.

The National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers said the man violated union rules by cutting too many pairs of khaki pants per hour. The union said this endangered its standards of "output and craftsmanship."

Guests Of Bryants

HARLINGEN—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryant and family have as guests for the holidays Mrs. Bryant's sister, Mrs. Lura Brown and son, Leroy, who is a student at N.T.A. College, Arlington.

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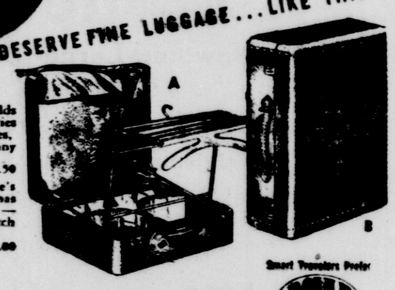

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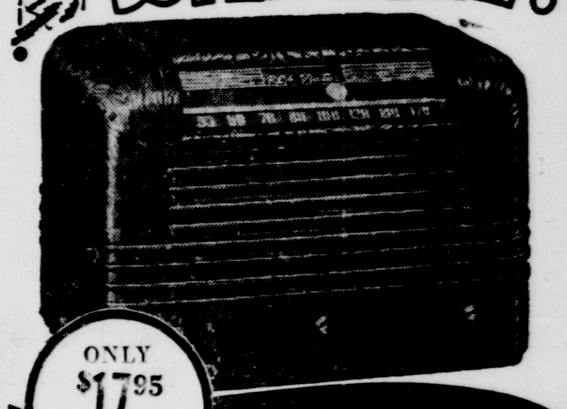

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Plays To Be Given During First Meets

Lions Clubs Handle Transportation

HARLINGEN—First practice for the Valley All-Star squads which will meet in the first Citrus Bowl game here next week, will be held Monday at 9 a. m., at Donna and Harlingen, coaches of the two teams, announced Saturday.

To Review Plays

Because of the weather, workouts on the practice fields likely cannot be held as soon as Monday. However, plays must be given the teams, so Monday's opening session likely will be taken up with plays and general skull drill.

It is expected that during the week, practice sessions will be held twice daily for the two all-senior squads, to keep them in shape, and to give them ample work on the plays to be used during the bowl contest

C. J. ARNOLD
McAllen Guard

MEREDITH ROBERTS
McAllen Back

Despite the weather, ticket sales were reported good for the first four days of selling, the game tickets going on sale last Wednesday. Detailed reports were not available, however, from all of the 12 Lions clubs and other agencies selling the pasteboards.

Squads remained at 30 members for the Class A and B Saturday and 17 members for the Class AA, with others to be added soon to the AA group, possibly before Monday.

A-B Squad At Donna

The A and B squad, coached by Bob Martin of Mission and Ivo Schoppe of Donna, will practice at Donna, and includes the following representatives of Valley schools:

Donna: Peeples, Tomme, Richardso, Avila, Wills.

Mission: Guerra, Garza.

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo: Nusbaum, Johnson, Robie, Purdue, Villegas.

La Feria: Foust.

Weslaco: Hatchenberg, Kieddenger, Stevens.

Mercedes: Young, Seibert, Adame, Delaney, Dalton.

Raymondville: Bucy, Kluckman, Calloway.

Edcouch-Elsa: Covington, Snyder.

Lyford: Lagerstam, Haning, Ross, Wilson.

AA Squad In Harlingen

The Class AA squad, drawn from five schools, will practice at Harlingen. The team is coached by Dutch Flory of Harlingen and Brooks Conover of Brownsville. The team includes:

McAllen: Roberts, Snowden and Arnold.

Edinburg: Krohn, Nugent and Skinner.

San Benito: John, and Sosa.

Brownsville: MacManus, Reed, Reece, and Bennett.

Harlingen: Witherspoon, Livingstone, Queen, Jurosek, and McMahan.

14 Lettermen

McAllen Grid Awards Told By Stewart

McALLEN—Fourteen players on the 1940 McAllen High School football squad have been lettered, Coach Maco Steuart announced today. Seven reserve letters were given.

The lettermen follow:

Ends: George Strohmeyer and Ted McGuire.

Tackles: Frank Coleman, Maurice Hendricks and Jack Rochelle.

Guards: C. J. Arnold and Duane Jackson.

Center: Wilburn Smith.

Backs: Meredith Roberts, John Kelly, Walter Levermann, Ivan Snowden, Dick Wiesehan, Woodie Pride.

Reserve letters went to Hal Ramsey, end; Dean Davis, end; Billy Mitchell, guard; Dale Wylie, back; Charles Knops, center; Eddie Hatfield, back; Red Edmundson, guard.

Button Swan also received a letter as manager of the club and Bill Rawls a reserve letter as assistant manager.

The lettermen received purple and gold jackets, while the reserve lettermen got sweaters.

Statistics indicate more than 1,000,000 persons are exposed in the United States to the inhalation of silica dust.

AGGIE SECONDS DEFEAT FIRSTS NORTON TICKLED

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)— The Texas A. & M. second team handed the first team a 9-6 lacing in a regulation length practice football game here Saturday — and Coach Homer Norton of the Aggies said he liked it.

"I've wanted two teams all my life, and now it looks like I'll be able to play a fresh team every quarter at Dallas New Year's Day against Fordham."

Plan Is Made To Form Star Softball Ten

Hidalgo Club Will Book Top Foes

McALLEN—Plans were completed Saturday for formation of a Hidalgo County All-Star football team for the coming season, the club to play only strong up-state teams with the usual practice tilts scheduled here in the Valley.

Directors said they hoped to schedule at least one game a week with an up-state ten and possibly two games.

Seek Upstate Teams

Clubs contacted so far are Corpus Christi, Houston, San Antonio, Victoria, Freer, Laredo, Robstown, Austin, Sugarland, Wharton, Alice and Dallas.

The games will be played on different Valley diamonds to give every Valley fan a chance to see softball as it should be played.

Special Uniforms

On trips, the Hidalgo county club will carry 16 players. They will have a special uniform consisting of white jockey satin shirts and pants studded with large red and blue stars with the name "Valley All Stars" on the back. The socks will be red, white and blue striped, as will be the caps.

The team probably will begin workouts the early part of February, but an organization meeting has been called for January 3. The time and place of this meeting will be announced later. Thirty-three star performers have been mailed cards announcing the plans.

To Enter State Meet

Purpose of the all-county club is to shape up a strong ten to enter the state softball tournament usually held the latter part of August in some up-state city. Last year's meet was at Abilene, with El Paso taking high honors. Edinburg won the state title in 1938 by beating Austin in the finals. In 1939, Edinburg again represented the Valley, going to the quarter-finals before losing to Borger. Last season, the Sharyland TCX club went to the semi-finals, losing to the American Liberty Pipeliners at Dallas.

Performers who have been invited to join the squad follow:

Players Invited

Catchers, Jack Rucker, McAllen; Gene Harding, Rio Grande City; Max Cavazos, Edinburg; pitchers, Mike McKinney, Bill Southwell, Edinburg; Ben Davis, Engelman Gardens; Collins Stovall, Engelman Gardens; Monte Hetrick, Sharyland; Ray Tomlin, McAllen; first base, Melvin Hearne, Edinburg; McGlothin, Engelman Gardens; second base, Mitchell Bloomfield, Edinburg; Elmo Watson, McAllen; Ed McClaurighty, Engelman Gardens.

Shortstop, Jerry Stephens, Edinburg; Lopey Brownfield, Engelman Gardens; third base, Charlie Flindt, Sharyland; Roy Bass, Engelman Gardens; Shin Young, Edinburg; Ike Phillips, McAllen; Raymond Miller, San Juan; outfielders, Doug Presley, Edinburg; Bill Snider, Edinburg; John Brownfield, Engelman Gardens; McElihaney, Engelman Gardens; Art Bannworth, Sharyland; Ben Jackson, Jack Tomlin, Joe Gardiner, Ed Rucker, McAllen; George Strohmeyer, Sharyland; Alex Champion, Edinburg; Buck Hensen, Donna; managers, Abe Bloomfield, Edinburg; Gene Harding, Rio Grande City; Howard Aiken, Engelman Gardens; Clyde Salters, San Juan; Ray Tomlin, McAllen; Ed Hough, Mercedes; Art Bannworth, Sharyland.

Riggs, Aid Lose In Net Doubles

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— National Indoor Champion Bobby Riggs of Chicago and his teammate were eliminated in the doubles semi-finals of the Oklahoma Indoor Tennis Tournament Saturday night, in the meet's first major upset.

Ed Brown, Waco, Tex., and Gardner Larned, Chicago, toppled the favored Riggs and Wayne Sabin, Portland, Ore., 9-11, 6-4, 6-4. It was the first time Brown and Larned had teamed together.

Brown and Larned thus go into the doubles finals Sunday night against Frank Kovaks and Norman Brooks, both of Oakland, Calif. Kovaks and Brooks advanced to the finals by defeating Charles Hare, England, and Hal Surface, Kansas City, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Billy Conn Signs Up For Bout With Louis

NEW YORK — (AP) — Billy Conn, Pittsburgh's light-heavyweight champion, signed Saturday for a crack at the heavyweight crown of Joe Louis in a bout to be promoted by Mike Jacobs next June.

No site was designated for the bout, although it generally was expected to be staged in New York.

Tea stocks in Finland were confiscated as from November 1 as a preliminary to rationing.

Footwork Bad On Ice

Lew Jenkins looked better than this Friday night when he fought to a draw with Fritzie Zivic in a non-title bout. The lightweight champ from Sweetwater, Texas, discovered ice technique is quite different from boxing. Just the same, Lew (center) had a good time with his wife, and brother, Earnest, when they cut a few capers on the ice.

Thomason Wouldn't Trade His Blocking For Anything

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)—"Old Percheron," the warped-legged lad who operated the traffic lights on the Texas Aggies' crunching drive to football glory, wouldn't have it any other way.

No, sir, Jim Thomason wouldn't trade one ripping body block "that you can just feel," for a 50-yard touchdown canter. Unless, he grins, the Aggies needed the touchdown.

Retiring and genteel off the field, Jim Thomason is the impregnable shield for an offense that has carried the Aggies into the Cotton Bowl against Fordham on New Year's Day.

Finest combination line backer and blocking back in Southwest Conference history in the minds of Southwest coaches, the tireless blond boy has been blocking out front of Jarrin' John Kimbrough and other Aggie backs for three years.

Twice All-Conference back, Jim finally got his highest recognition the other day. He was placed on the third Associated Press All-America team—just about as high as blocking backs climb in a game too crowded with stunning ball carriers who hog headlines.

Jim is the "stop-and-go" boy of the Aggie offense. His blocking is the difference between gains and losses.

"I get a tremendous kick out of blocking—more than I would out of carrying the ball. I really enjoy hitting 'em.

"And say, did you ever stop to think they're not looking me up—that I'm out looking them up? Nothing feels better than contact, the delivery of a good block.

"Too much has been said about me 'making John Kimbrough. It isn't true. That boy can run, blocking or no blocking. If I've helped him along in spots—fine. But he is sort of a one-man gang himself, you know."

Slouched in a chair, stroking the battered nose that has been broken seven times in the pursuit of football happiness, was the other half of a strange Aggie combination — Center Tommie Vaughn.

Thirteen years ago, down in Brownwood, Texas, Jim Thomason and Tommie Vaughn started playing football together. They have gone through two years of war school footballing, three years of junior high, four years of high school and four years of college together. Never have they been separated.

Now they are roommates in college. Both are majors on the staff of the 6,500 student R.O.T.C. cadet corps. Both are students of the marketing and financing course. Both intend to seek admittance to the U. S. Army when they receive second lieutenant's commissions upon graduation in June.

"Tommie's just a shade bashful," confided Vaughn. "He's a great blocker. But say, so is this Kimbrough guy. He isn't just a crashing runner, he can block too. Hits 'em hard, bowls 'em over and falls under 'em.

"Tommie won't tell you, but you know what Kimbrough says about Thomason? That he's the greatest football player in the world today."

The great little center, who like Thomason, has been an Aggie regular for three years, continued:

"But there's something else that has made this present Aggie team successful. The defense of our line has done it. Our line has been very hard to handle. Of course, we have had confidence in our own running game. There isn't a boy on our club who doesn't honestly believe that we can take the ball and run over anybody."

Concluded Thomason:

"We all started together, and you won't find a better bunch of boys. All of us are young, and we've worked hard to get along."

Officials In Bowl Listed

New Orleans To Have South, East Men

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)—A proposal that neutrals officiate in the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl football classic here between Tennessee and Boston College was converted Saturday into a South and East selection which won general approval.

The suggestion of neutrals was made by Head Coach Frank Leahy of Boston College who said he thought a post season game "might be handled better" by four officials who had worked together as a team in an outside conference.

Leahy made it clear his plan was only a suggestion and said the officials selected were "absolutely satisfactory" to him.

The officials announced by A. N. Goldberg, president of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association which sponsors the game, as follows:

Referee, James (Buck) Cheves (Georgia).

Umpire, Fred J. Murray (Georgetown).

Headlinesman, G. M. "Pup" Phillips (Ga. Tech).

Field Judge, Raymond J. Barbuti (Syracuse).

Meantime, Leahy gave his squad a morning and afternoon workout Saturday at Bay St. Louis, Miss., east of New Orleans, while Tennessee was preparing to jump into intensive practice next week.

Boudreau Is Voted Top Rookie Of 1939

CHICAGO —(AP)— Louis Boudreau, Cleveland's brilliant young shortstop, was voted as the outstanding rookie of the major leagues for the 1940 season Saturday by the Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

He will receive the J. Louis Comiskey memorial award at the chapter's annual dinner, January 7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Oklahoma City U. 57, Eastern New Mexico 24.

Oregon State 27, Denver 20.

St. Mary's 43, Texas A. & M. 42.

Marquette 40, Wisconsin 30.

Purdue 50, Loyola 35.

Mich. State 46, Ohio State 38.

Iowa 37, Detroit 35.

St. John's Univ. 45, Oklahoma Univ. 41.

Colorado College 56, New Mexico 39.

Iowa State 43, Grinnell 37.

Minnesota 43, Nebraska 36.

Northwestern 48, Pittsburgh 28.

Michigan 32, Butler 25.

Southern California 28, Oklahoma Aggies 25.

New York Univ. 49, Syracuse 42.

Oregon 57, Bradley 45.

Ill. State Normal 37, Univ. of California at Los Angeles 21.

North Dakota University 31; Aberdeen Northern Teachers 23

Milwaukee Teachers 58; Wayne (Neb) 38

Exhibition Basketball

Univ. of Arkansas 38, Phillip "66" Oilers 24.

Blood transfusions saved the lives of 1,500 wounded men during the Russo-Finnish war, statisticians in Finland report.

Southwest Grid Offensive Leaders Behind 1939 Highs

By GAIL FOWLER

SEATTLE —(AP)— Individual stars among a dozen "major" Southwest schools generally fell short of 1939 leadership figures in 1940 statistics being compiled by the American Football Statistical Bureau for its annual yearbook.

Owen Price of Texas Mines bettered last year's punting record and tied the 1939 high scoring mark, while Jack Crain of Texas tied last year's high number of interception returns.

Total offensive honors went to Pete Layden of Texas, a workhorse who figured in 232 plays, gaining 424 yards rushing and 581 in the air for 1,005 yards.

Jarrin' John Kimbrough, Texas A. and M.'s All-American fullback and the section's leading scorer in 1939, was the leading rusher in 1940 collecting 611 yards in 162 plays for an average of 3.7 per crack.

Perhaps the oddest total offense record was turned in by Harold Hamberg, smallest back among the Arkansas Razorbacks. He registered a minus 11 yards from rushing, but his 757 yards from forward passing netted him 746 yards and seventh place.

Individual statistical leaders, with 1939 leaders in parentheses:

Total offense—Pete Layden, Texas, 1,005 yards (Eakin, Arkansas, 1,344).

Rushing offense — John Kimbrough, Texas A. and M., 611 yards. (Black, Arizona, 630.)

Passing offense—Ray Mallouf, Southern Methodist, 54 completions. (Eakin, Arkansas, 78.)

Pass receiving—Phil Roach, Texas Christian, 29. (Looney, T.C.U., 29.)

Kickoff returns—Joe Price, Rice, 230 yards. (Bynum, Centenary, 287.)

Punt returns—Bill Conaster, Texas A. and M., 338 yards (Moser, Texas A. and M., 404.)

Interception returns—Jack Crain, Texas, 7. (Black, Arizona, 7.)

Punting—(15 or more)—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 48 per punt. (Eakin, Arkansas, 38.25.)

Scoring—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 60. (Kimbrough, Texas A. and M. 60.)

Okla. Aggies Meet Texans

Sooners Defending Tourney Title

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—Headlining the first day's pairings of this year's Oklahoma City all-college basketball tournament which opens Thursday will be a contest between the defending champion Oklahoma Aggies and Texas A. and M.

Only twice in the five-year history of the meet has the Cowboy team tasted defeat. In 1938, the Warrensburg, Mo., Teachers beat them at their own slow, deliberate game, a blow so stunning that the Oklahomans promptly lost the next night too, to Baylor in a playoff for third and fourth places. The Teachers, meanwhile, had moved on to take the championship.

Warrensburg's team, which only got as far as fourth place last year, is bracketed against Texas Tech's Red Raiders in another opening day game this year.

Six other games drawn Saturday also were set for Thursday, giving all 16 entries action on the first day.

The pairings:

1 p. m.—West Texas, Canyon, vs. University of Tulsa.

2 p. m.—Southwestern (Okla.) State, Durant, vs. Baylor, Waco, Tex.

3:30 p. m.—East Central (Okla.) State, Ada, vs. New Mexico Mines, Socorro.

4:45 p. m.—Oklahoma City University vs. University of Wyoming, Laramie.

6:30 p. m.—Springfield (Mo.) Teachers vs. University of Texas, Austin.

7:45 p. m.—Warrensburg (Mo.) Teachers vs. Texas Tech, Lubbock

9 p. m.—Oklahoma A. and M., Stillwater, vs. Texas A. and M., College Station.

10:15 p. m.—Texas Christian, Fort Worth, vs. Pittsburg (Kan.) Teachers.

Arkansas Five Tops Champions

LITTLE ROCK —(AP)— An "Iron Man" quintet from the University of Arkansas, playing without substitutions, smashed the powerful Phillips "66" Oilers from Bartlesville, Okla., National AAU Champions, 38 to 24 here Saturday night to keep its unbeaten record perfect.

The Arkansas lads held the Oklahomans on even terms to finish the first half 16-16 and then came from behind in the second period to win going away. No man on the floor measured less than six feet and Arkansas' perfect combination averaged six feet, six inches.

John Adams, Southwest Conference top scorer in 1939 scored 19 points to lead the Porkers.

16 Cagers Out For Edcouch-Elsa Quint

EDCOUCH—Training for basketball has started at the Edcouch-Elsa High School with 16 boys having reported for play. Those who have come out are J. C. Stewart, Elwin Snyder, Elma Crenshaw, Gene Vittetoe, Stanley Odom, Guy De Wald, Roland Coffman, Truitt Baucum, Clovis Shepherd, Glenn Farris, Glenn Baird, James Jarrett, Darrell Cummings, James Nolley, Roland Roser, and Johnny Williams.

The Yellow Jackets will build their team around one former letterman and two squad men.

McAllen Man Kills Big 8-Point Buck

McALLEN—J. E. Smith of McAllen killed an 8-point buck on the Earl Houts pasture north of Mission Friday morning. The animal weighed about 165 pounds and was one of the heaviest 8-pointers seen here.

Smith also bagged a deer last season.

Bullfight Postponed

REYNOSA—(AP)—The bullfight, to have been staged here Sunday, has been postponed because of rainy weather, it was announced Saturday night.

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Sooner Net Tourney To End Sunday

Riggs, Kovacs Are Meet Favorites

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— Eight seeded players took charge of singles and doubles events in the Oklahoma Indoor Tennis Tournament Saturday night, after eliminating all Sooner state contestants.

Hal Surface, Kansas City, defeated Gardner Larned, Chicago, in the singles quarterfinals, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Riggs Vs. Surface

Surface's opponent in the semi-finals Sunday afternoon will be Bobby Riggs, Chicago, national indoor champion.

Riggs eliminated Charles Hare, of England, 7-5, 6-3, in Saturday night's quarter finals.

Wayne Sabin, Portland, Ore., defeated Norman Brooks, Oakland, Calif., 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the semi-finals against Frank Kovacs, Oakland, Calif.

Kovacs disposed of Ed Brown, Waco, Tex., 7-5, 6-2, in the quarterfinals.

Riggs, Kovacs Favored

On the basis of their one-two ranking, Riggs and Kovacs are favored in some quarters as the singles finalists Sunday night. Sabin however, is seeded No. 3, and Surface is next.

The seeded players teamed to sweep through first and second round matches for Saturday night's semi-finals doubles matches, in which Hare and Surface met Kovacs and Brooks, while Riggs and Sabin met Larned and Brown. Doubles finals will be Sunday night.

Doubles results, quarterfinals:

Riggs and Sabin defeated Paul Bryant, Oklahoma City, and Joe Adams, Waco, Tex., 6-2, 6-4.

Larned and Brown defeated Bill McMurray and Carl Mitchell, both of Oklahoma City, 6-1, 6-2.

Kovacs and Brooks defeated Gus Craigo and John Patterson, both of Durant, Okla., 6-3, 6-3.

Hare and Surface defeated Ed Overholser, Oklahoma City, and Frank McElwee, Fort Smith, Ark., 6-2, 6-4.

First round:

Riggs and Sabin defeated Stanley Draper and Bill Dietrich, both of Oklahoma City, 6-1, 6-2.

Larned and Brown defeated Eddie Dowlen and Wallace Meador, both of Dallas, 6-0, 6-1.

Hare and Surface defeated Randal Clark, Tulsa, and Paul Darrough, Oklahoma City, 6-0, 6-4.

Kovacs and Brooks defeated George Ritchey and E. L. Douglas, both of Denton, Tex., 6-1, 6-2.

Eagles Honored

Mission Club Guests For Barbecue

MISSION—Prospects for the 1941 football season were reviewed Friday night when members of the 1940 Mission Eagles football team and their coaches were honor guests at a steak barbecue given by the Mission Lions Club and the Mission Fire Department. Ray Landry, fire chief, and member of the Lions Club, was official host for the party which was given at the fire station. Seventy-five honor guests and members of the two host units were in the party.

Coach Bob Martin introduced his assistants, C. D. Jarvis and Fritz Lehnhoff, terming the latter his "fifth columnist" who acted as chief scout at games of opposing teams. Five of the 1940 team will be graduated or ineligible next season, Martin said, but prospects for a good season are more than favorable, he said.

June Hedges, drum major of the high school band, was introduced as the team sweetheart. Talks were made by Landry and D. L. Rankin, Lions president, lauding the spirit of the team as shown in the past season when they won the district championship.

St. Mary's Tops Aggies 43 To 42

SAN ANTONIO —(AP)— The St. Mary's University Rattlers, after losing by a two-point margin in the first game, turned the tables on the Texas A. & M. basketball team here Saturday night by taking a tight 43 to 42 victory that evened the two-night series. A. & M. won a thrilling opener Friday night 34 to 32.

Kenneth Croswell, tall St. Mary's center, sank the only free throw of the night for his team, and that one point, made three minutes before the end of the game, eventually turned out to be the slim margin of victory. He racked up seven field goals that gave him high point honors with 15.

St. Mary's jumped into the lead five minutes before the end of the game, after the score was tied 16-16 at the half, and led by no more than a three point margin after that.

With 40 seconds to go, Charlie Stevenson brought A. & M. up to 43-42 with a field goal, but St. Mary's froze the ball in the remaining seconds.

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YANKS AND REBS TO FIGHT AGAIN IN GRID BATTLE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (AP) — Northern and Southern forces began priming Saturday for December 28, when they collide in the third annual Blue and Gray All-Star football game here.

The Grays of Dixie concentrated on aerial stabs, the Yankees on off-tackle smashes and end sweeps.

Coaches Carl Snavely of Cornell and Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern, co-handlers of the "Blues" for the third time, pronounced their charges "absolutely the finest and best balanced group we've had here." Jesseely of Rice and Ray Wolf of North Carolina were equally well pleased with their Southern club.

Owen Goodnight, of Hardin-Simmons, shot strikes to Paul Severin, North Carolina, Hal Newman, Alabama's captain, and other end receivers.

Scorps vs. Stars

Cage Game Set For Harlingen Gym

HARLINGEN — The Brownsville Junior College Scorpions will play the Port Isabel All-Stars at 8 p.m. Monday in the Harlingen high school gymnasium, it was announced Saturday.

The Port Isabel basketballers are said to be made up of former college and high school stars.

The Scorps have won four games out of six played, losing only to A. and I. College at Kingsville and to the Satex Feed Company independent team at San Antonio.

Four Harlingen boys are on the Scorpion team including Roy Bowen, Bud Breedlove, Harold Snell and Bill Nance. Other players include Tom Marchbanks, San Benito; Butch Barnard, Speed Stuart and Eddie Boye of Brownsville.

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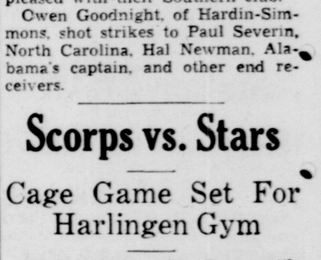

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Minimum Age Set

Semi-Pros Cannot Be Under 17

ST. LOUIS —(AP)— An age minimum of 17 years for youths competing under the sanction of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress was announced Saturday by George Sisler, semi-pro commissioner.

Sisler, former star first baseman for the St. Louis Browns, said the age limit will be enforced to avoid conflict with the American Legion program.

"The American Legion sponsored game has a definite place in baseball. It gives the youth that competitive spirit and early training so necessary if he plans to continue in the game."

Sisler explained that in recent years many youngsters had been attracted to semi-pro ranks because of the chance to perform and learn from older players, many of them former major league players.

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Amarillo, Temple Win Right To Meet In Schoolboy Grid Final

Sandies Take 14 To 7 Win Over Masons

Little Rascals Give Amarillo Battle

AMARILLO—(AP)—Those amazing football boys of Masonic Home engaged the Golden Sandstorm of Amarillo here Saturday and fought the most stirring battle against odds ever seen on Butler Field before going down, 14 to 7.

A crowd of 10,000 was stunned by the Masons' ability to withstand the terrific pounding.

Foes Cheer Masons

While it was apparent from the start the Masons had little chance to overcome the Sandstorm, they made such a gallant stand that the partisan throng was happy when they finally scored in the last minute of play.

The Sandstorm, still the hard-punching crew it has been through its undefeated and untied season, scored near the end of the first period, a pass interception setting up the touchdown. M. T. Johnson, 150-pound field general, ran back a Masonic Home pass 41 yards. Sealey, the Masons' safety, bringing him down on the four. On his second try, Johnson lunged over tackle and Boone Baker added the extra point.

Rascals Defend Goal

The second and third periods were a dog-fight with the Masons rising to heights each time their goal line was threatened.

In the fourth, the Sandstorm completed a 54-yard march begun in the third quarter and iced the contest when Otto Payne, fullback, plunger over from the four-yard line.

The Masons, who used only two substitutes, were expected to be worn out by this time. But they held off two Sandstorm threats and launched an aerial attack to score

Passes Set Up Score

The ball on their 36 after a punt out and with C. D. Sealey pitching strikes, Teague Roberts, halfback, swirled to Amarillo's 40. There Sealey faded back and heaved a long pass which Roberts caught on the Sandies' 10-yard line and was tackled only two yards short of the goal. Gordy Brown, fullback, faked a smash at the middle and then aired out around Amarillo's left end for the score. Ray Coulter, end, place-kicked the extra point.

Starting lineups:

Amarillo	Pos.	Mas. Home
Redus	LE	Roach
Warner	LT	D. Coulter
Moss	LG	Cagle
Burden	C	Robbins
Tigart	RG	Moseley
Pace	RT	Lewis
Wooten	RE	R. Coulter
Greathouse	QB	Sealey
Johnson	LH	Roberts
Baker	RH	Smith
Payne	FB	Brown

Score by periods:

Amarillo	8	0	0	7	—14
Masonic Home	0	0	0	6	— 7

Amarillo scoring: Touchdowns, Johnson, Payne; points from try after touchdown, Baker (placement), Clark (placement).

Masonic Home scoring: Touchdown, Brown; point from try after touchdown, R. Coulter.

Highway Accidents In Texas Are Well Ahead Of Past Year

AUSTIN, Tex.—(AP)—With Texas' 11-month traffic fatalities 9 per cent ahead of the same period last year, safety department officials feared the 1940 toll would reach 1,733.

Deaths through November were 1,545, only 38 less than 1939's complete record.

Accidents normally increase in December and based on past experience approximately 150 road deaths might be charged up this month.

Stanford Is Ready For Rainy Contest

PALO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—Stanford's football players, who won the Rose Bowl nomination with victories on nine sunny Saturdays, practiced for two hours in the rain Saturday and came up with the declaration that "we're ready for any kind of weather."

LSU Cagers Defeat TAAF Title Quintet

PORT ARTHUR —(AP)— Sharpshooting Griff Vance, who caged 20 points, paced Louisiana State University basketeers to a 54-44 victory here Saturday night over Gulf Oilers of Port Arthur.

The local team was State T.A.A.F. Champion last year. Mike Seale, former Rice Institute star, made 21 points for the Oilers.

Site Of Final Tilt Will Be Set Sunday

FORT WORTH —(AP)— Amarillo and Temple school officials will meet here Sunday to decide the site of the state schoolboy football championship game.

The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. (Blackstone Hotel.)

While nothing official has been said, indications were that Fort Worth was the leading contender.

Cowboy Musicians To Attend Inaugural

ABILENE—(AP)—The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band will accompany the Texas delegation of postmasters and Democrats on a special train to the third term inaugural of President Roosevelt in Washington January 20, it was announced Saturday.

Promptness Won Shaughnessy First Big Job

Rockne, Morrison, Bible Too Late At Tulane

By MORTIMER KREEGER

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— Clark Shaughnessy, who led Stanford from football's scrap heap to the Rose Bowl this year, got his first major coaching position when a couple of other applicants—including Knute Rockne—couldn't make the train trip south for an interview at Tulane University.

Dana X. Bible and "Uncle Charlie" Moran wanted the job, too, and Dan McGugin tried his darndest to land it for Ray Morrison.

But Rockne and Morrison couldn't get to New Orleans, and the Tulane authorities wanted to see the man they hired. Bible applied too late. So Shaughnessy took a quick trip south and got the job.

No, this isn't any nightmare caused by reading too many stories about bowls and bowl teams. It's exactly what happened when Tulane needed a new head coach back in 1915.

At Tulane 11 Years

Shaughnessy remained at Tulane for 11 years, except for one season's absence. His stay was climaxed by an unbeaten team which declined a Rose Bowl invitation in 1925.

Correspondence relating to the filling of the position was made public by Sumter D. Marks, Jr. prominent New Orleans attorney and former Tulane quarterback, who as secretary of the Tulane Athletic Association handled the communications with prospects and their references.

Tulane had a maximum of $2,000 a year to spend for a head coach to handle football, basketball and track.

Shaughnessy and Rockne were recommended by the Specialists' Educational Bureau of St. Louis, a teachers' employment agency which Tulane asked for suggestions. Both held subordinate coaching positions at their respective alma maters after brilliant playing careers.

Gives Experience

Tulane invited them to apply. Shaughnessy, assistant to Doc Williams at Minnesota, wrote with his application:

"My experience as a football player and coach was acquired at the University of Minnesota where I was a member of the second team in 1910, and of the varsity in 1911, 1912 and 1913 and of the coaching staff in 1914. As a player I was an end in 1910 and 1911, tackle and guard in 1912 and fullback in 1913. . . ."

The specialists' bureau wrote also:

"Mr. Knute Rockne has been offered $1,500 to remain at Notre Dame but you can secure him, I believe, my prompt action at $1,600."

Norman Standlee (left), Shaughnessy's powerful fullback at Stanford, gets some pre-game instructions from the man who brought the Indians from the Coast Conference cellar to the Rose Bowl.

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Rockne's application form gave $1,500 to $1,800" as the lowest salary he would accept. It outlined his playing career, which included three years at varsity end, some service in the backfield, and the last year (1913) as captain. He played baseball and basketball also, and was on the track team. Both men listed their best track and field performances, and Shaughnessy's were consistently better.

Rockne Too Busy

Marks asked Rockne to come to New Orleans for an interview, but the applicant, preparing his track team for the Drake Relays and other important meets, wrote on April 3, 1915:

"I will be quite busy until after the Western Conference meeting in June, hence the authorities here are unwilling to allow me the time off which a trip to New Orleans would necessitate."

Marks answered on April 13: "As you cannot make the trip to New Orleans it will be impossible for us to consider your application."

Shaughnessy, asked to come for an interview, wired back that he was taking the first available train.

Bible was coaching at Mississippi College, and on April 1 wrote Marks asking him to mail the contract for the Tulane-Mississippi College game the following fall. After the signature comes this:

"P.S. Will Tulane University be in need of a coach and athletic director for next season? If not will they need an assistant?"

Waited Too Long

He was told that the board had proceeded so far with examination of applications on hand that it could not entertain new ones.

There was much correspondence with Dan McGugin, at Vanderbilt, who recommended Ray Morrison, then coaching at Branham and Hughes School in Spring Hill, Tenn.

He wrote that Morrison had "just about closed a contract" with "Southern Methodist University, which I believe is located at Dallas."

McGugin said Morrison was still available to Tulane, but he was rejected when he could not leave his teaching duties for a personal appearance.

McGugin later wrote that if Shaughnessy did not prove satisfactory, "I suggest that you keep your eye on Mr. Morrison, as in my opinion he is a very unusual man."

Moran, who was just leaving the job of coach at Texas A. and M., applied unsuccessfully. He then went to Centre College where he developed the great Bo McMillin.

A sequel to the story came only a few days ago when Marks' young daughter, hearing her father had a part in rejecting Rockne's services, declared:

"Daddy, I bet if you'd seen the movie you would have hired him."

Buc Cripples Lose 28 To 0 To Wildcats

Dusek Big Hero Of Temple's Win

CORPUS CHRISTI —(AP)— Temple's Wildcats crashed into the state schoolboy football finals by brushing aside the Corpus Christi Buccaneers 28-0 here Saturday before a crowd that threatening weather cut from an anticipated 12,000 to 7,000.

Next week the "comeback kids" of the 1940 race will meet Amarillo for the title, marking Temple's first appearance in the championship game.

Bucs Threaten Early

Held in their own territory during most of the first quarter in which Corpus Christi made its only excursion into Temple's part of the field, Temple roared into action with a crushing ground attack and timely passes that produced one touchdown in the second period, two in the third and one in the last minute of the game.

Spearhead of the ground offense was Ed Dusek, 185-pound halfback who scored two touchdowns and converted three points afterward.

Temple Aerial Scores

An 80-yard drive brought the first tally, with Dusek powering forward, the Wildcats moved from their own 20 to the Buc 44 as the first period closed. On the second play of the next quarter, Dotty McLerran faded and hurled a long pass that Thelbert Hardt, tall end, took on his finger tips on the Corpus Christi 30 and went on across. Dusek kicked the point.

Temple scored again on the second play after the kickoff that started the third quarter. With the ball on the Wildcat 30, a big hole was opened in the middle of the line for Dusek as he raced 70 yards for the tally, then added the extra point.

Dusek Scores Again

A Corpus Christi flat zone pass that boomeranged gave the visitors their third touchdown in the same period. With the ball on the Buc 84, Quarterback Joe Clark tossed this aerial intended for Halfback Trenton Fowler, but Dusek intercepted and ran it back 52 yards for the score. Again Dusek kicked the extra point.

Just before the game ended, Temple, in running plays, moved from the Buc 40 to the 29, and then Lefty Byers tossed to E. Morris, who in turn lateraled to H. E. Lagrone, who traveled 15 yards for the counter. A pass from Byers to E. Morris produced the extra point.

Starting lineups:

Temple	Pos.	Corpus Christi
Allen	LE	Bacak
Attaway	LT	Hamon
Heap	LG	Brown
Martin	C	Kavoras
Marinik	RG	Isenberger
G. Morris	RT	Mitchell
Hardt	RE	Sturdivant
Sneer	QB	Clark
Hill	LH	White
Dusek	RH	Fowler
Mclerran	FB	Haynie

Score by periods:

Temple	7	0	14	7	—28
Corpus Christi	0	0	0	0	— 0

Temple scoring: touchdowns, Hardt, Dusek 2, Lagrone; points from try after touchdown, Dusek 3 (placement), E. Morris (pass).

Advertising Fills Kansas Guard With Too Many Recruits

COFFEYVILLE, Kan.—(AP)—Capt. Braum L. Bentley of Battery B, 127th Field Artillery has been added to the more enthusiastic endorsers of advertising for what one wants.

Worried because the Coffeyville National Guard unit lacked 58 men of a full complement, Captain Bentley two weeks ago inserted a series of small display advertisements in a Coffeyville newspaper suggesting that young men who likely would be called for military training anyway join Battery B.

Now the battery, soon to go to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., is full, and late comers are being turned away.

Last Cotton Bowl Tickets To Be Mailed Sunday Night

DALLAS—(AP)—The last of the Cotton Bowl tickets for the Fordham-Texas Aggie game here New Year's Day will be in the mails Sunday night, Dan D. Rogers, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, said Saturday.

Rogers, taking note of many complaints from people wanting $4.40 tickets after the supply of those top-priced seats had been exhausted, said:

"To put it mildly, there has been some very harsh criticism of Cotton Bowl officials from persons who sent in applications for $4.40 seats and whom we had to send $3.30 tickets instead.

"I should like to say that officials of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association have done their very best for the buying public.

Applications ran ten times as large as the supply.

"But we will be very happy to refund the money of any ticket purchaser who is not satisfied with the location of his seats. There are thousands of people begging for seats anywhere in the bowl."

WEATHER

(Official U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast)

The Valley: Cloudy, with occasional rains Sunday and Monday. Strong northwesterly winds, diminishing Sunday.

LOUISIANA: Partly cloudy to cloudy Sunday and Monday, occasional light rains in extreme south portion Sunday, and south and central portions Monday, not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh, occasionally strong, north and northeast winds on the coast.

ARKANSAS: Fair to partly cloudy Sunday and Monday, somewhat warmer Sunday.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy over north portion, cloudy over south portion, with occasional rains over southeast portion unday; Monday mostly cloudy, occasional rains over south and east portions, not much change in temperature. Strong northwesterly winds on lower coast, diminishing Sunday, and fresh to occasionally strong north and northeast winds on upper coast.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours preceding yesterday at 6:30 a. m.

STATION	Highest last 24 hours	Lowest last night	Precipitation (inches)
Abilene	59	32	.00
Albuquerque	43	20	.00
Amarillo	57	29	.00
Albany, N. Y.	41	38	.00
Atlanta	52	42	.01
Boston	46	29	.03
Chicago	38	21	.00
Cincinnati	35	31	.00
Cleveland	38	31	.00
Corpus Christi	61	55	.10
Del Rio	66	51	.00
Denver	45	27	.00
Detroit	33	31	.00
Dodge City	54	34	.00
El Paso	60	27	.00
Fort Smith	56	33	.00
Fort Worth	59	39	.00
Galveston	61	55	.23
Havre, Mont.	54	34	.00
Huron	42	23	.00
Kansas City	50	23	.00
Los Angeles	71	58	.00
Memphis	49	31	.00
Miami	79	65	.00
Mobile	62	50	.00
Mpls. St. P.	33	19	.00
New Orleans	60	55	.00
New York	47	38	.00
Norfolk	54	45	.00
North Platte	—	—	.00
Oklahoma City	54	32	.00
Palestine	63	46	.00
Phoenix	68	40	.00
Pittsburg	48	41	.00
St. Louis	53	36	.00
Salt Lake City	39	32	.00
San Antonio	61	54	.00
Shreveport	65	40	.03
Tampa	74	69	.11
Washington	39	33	.00
Williston	39	27	.00
Wilmington, N. C.	57	33	.23

FRUIT STATIONS	Highest	Lowest	Precipitation (inches)
—TEXAS—			
Brownsville (City)	63	57	1.42
Brownsville Airport	64	59	1.30
Harlingen	65	55	1.10
Raymondville	64	55	.86
Weslaco Exp. Sta.	64	56	.94
Mission	66	55	2.72
Falfurrias	62	56	.26
Laredo	61	55	.67
Carrizo Springs	63	54	.04
—FLORIDA—			
Bartow	78	65	.16
Belle Glade	81	65	.00
Bustis	77	60	.33
Fort Myers	83	67	.00
Gainesville	73	54	.29
Hastings	77	56	.59
Orlando	79	58	.41
—CALIFORNIA—			
Oroville	59	50	.00
Salinas	missing		
Lindsay	66	36	.00
Santa Barbara	66	48	.00
Riverside	68	44	.00
Escondido	69	38	.00
Imperial	71	43	.00

Grid Stars Visit Kids

East-West Squads To Begin Practice

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — All-America Toom Harmon and 21 teammates who comprise the Eastern squad, arrived here Saturday to begin practice for the 16th annual East-West Shriners' charity football classic on New Year's Day.

The Easterners, headed by Co-Coaches Andy Kerr of Colgate and Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, detrained in a steady drizzle of rain.

Players of both the East and West squads joined for a visit to the crippled children's hospital. Harmon was the big attraction for the youngsters. The ace halfback was flanked by three other players of All-America status, Francis Reagan of the University of Pennsylvania, a backfield running mate of Harmon; and two Western luminaries, Paul Christman, University of Missouri pass thrower and Dudy Mucha, husky center from the University of Washington.

The Western team, coached by Matty Bell of Southern Methodist and Orin Hollingbery of Washington State, will move to practice headquarters at Stanford University Sunday. The Easterners will shift over to Berkeley and begin training on the University of California field Monday.

A pine branch with a rope attached at each end is considered one of the best chimney-cleaning tools.

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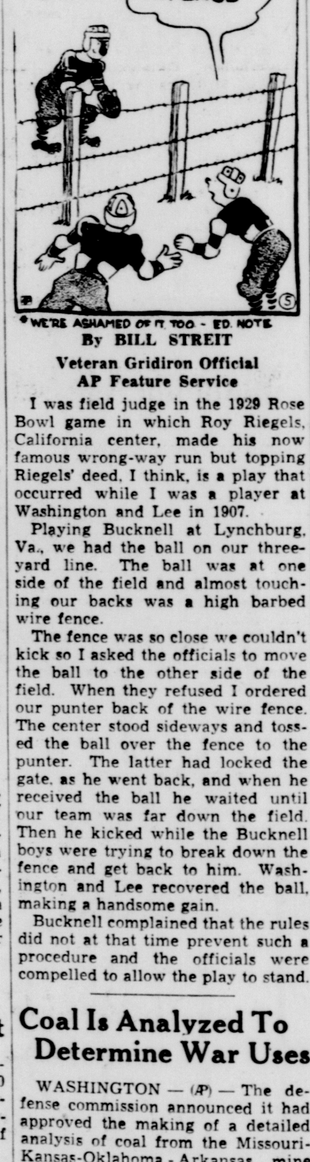

By BILL STREIT

Veteran Gridiron Official
AP Feature Service

I was field judge in the 1929 Rose Bowl game in which Roy Riegels, California center, made his now famous wrong-way run but topping Riegels' deed, I think, is a play that occurred while I was a player at Washington and Lee in 1907.

Playing Bucknell at Lynchburg, Va., we had the ball on our three-yard line. The ball was at one side of the field and almost touching our backs was a high barbed wire fence.

The fence was so close we couldn't kick so I asked the officials to move the ball to the other side of the field. When they refused I ordered our punter back of the wire fence. The center stood sideways and tossed the ball over the fence to the punter. The latter had locked the gate, as he went back, and when he received the ball he waited until our team was far down the field. Then he kicked while the Bucknell boys were trying to break down the fence and get back to him. Washington and Lee recovered the ball, making a handsome gain.

Bucknell complained that the rules did not at that time prevent such a procedure and the officials were compelled to allow the play to stand.

Coal Is Analyzed To Determine War Uses

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The defense commission announced it had approved the making of a detailed analysis of coal from the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma - Arkansas mine area to determine whether it is suitable for manufacture of ammonia and smokeless powder.

Officials said the analysis would begin as soon as possible, neither the time nor the mines where the tests will begin have been determined definitely.

Three Deaths Break Dallas' 1940 Record

DALLAS —(AP)— Three deaths in an automobile - interurban crash here probably shattered Dallas' chance at first place for cities of its class in the national safety race this year, Police Chief J. M. Welch said.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Elmo Cody, 27, and her two nephews, Donald and Lyman Cody, 3 and 5, victims of the wreck while on their way to visit a downtown Santa Claus.

The accident brought to 21 the Dallas 1940 traffic death toll.

New peaks of diabetic incidence are discernible in the United States, medical statistics indicate.

Unsung Mississippi State Gridders May Grab Glory

STATE COLLEGE, Miss.—(AP)—Both the Georgetown Hoyas and Mississippi State Maroons boast stars of national reputation but there's an even chance that one of the underrated boys will come through for State to grab the headlines in the Orange Bowl game at Miami, Fla., on January 1.

Senior Toxie Tullos, who teamed with Center Ben Griffin to give the Maroons one of the finest line backing combines in the South, will offer a strong scoring threat in the Miami classic.

Tullos scored four touchdowns during the 1940 campaign, ranging from a drive of five yards against Ole Miss to a 61-yard sprint in the Howard game. Charley Yancey, 18-year-old understudy to Toxie, flashed a warning of his offense might in the Alabama game when he plunged 22 yards through the big Tide team.

The wingbacks, Walter Craig and Johnny Black, can't be overlooked on the dope charts for this pair of fast stepping "reversers" each scored 30 points to top the famed tailbacks, Johnson and Jefferson, who amassed a total of 50 points.

The Maroons have buckled down to hard training here for the New Year's Day fray.

Farmers Are Asking More For Lands To Be Used For Camps

CATO, Ark.—(AP)—Approximately 100 farmers, whose lands will be converted into an artillery range when the 35th Division goes into training at Camp Robinson next month, voted at a mass meeting here to seek both legal and political aid in obtaining "just compensation" from the government before they would willingly vocate their property.

The government now is leasing the 39,500 acres in the camp area on a basis of seven per cent of its appraised valuation. The land owners are to receive one year leases with the government holding renewal options for the next four years. The land has been condemned by federal court order for military use.

226 Flying Cadets Graduate At Kelly

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The largest class ever to complete its training at Kelly Field, composed of 266 flying cadets and two regular army officers, were awarded the coveted wings in a brief graduation ceremony Friday.

All but 12 were automatically commissioned as second lieutenants in the air corps reserve. The 12 must wait until they reach their 21st birthday although they have completed the required training course.

39 Italian Aircraft Are Said Destroyed

ATHENS—(AP)—Air Vice Marshal John Henry D. Albiac, commander of the RAF in Greece, told correspondents the RAF had destroyed 39 Italian aircraft since the Italian-Greek hostilities began eight weeks ago, and had probably destroyed 12 others. One British fighter pilot was killed and one is missing.

Bombing planes in 70 raids had dropped 120 tons of bombs, he said. Nine of the planes were lost.

Nebraskans Practice For Picture Takers

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(AP)—Nebraska's Cornhuskers donned their new Rose Bowl uniforms and did some fancy punting and passing for the benefit of photographers Saturday, then changed to practice clothes and went through a stiff two-hour drill behind locked gates.

Yule Parties

Observances Are On Community Basis

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Christmas will be ushered in this year throughout Texas with a wider assortment of community observances than ever before, according to Houston Crump, director of the WPA state-wide recreation program.

Community Christmas trees, pageants, choral groups, tree lighting ceremonies in public parks and varied outdoor city-wide festivals are included on the holiday program.

Besides San Antonio, WPA community celebrations will be held in Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso, Amarillo, Dalhart, Pampa, Big Spring, Abilene, San Angelo, Coleman, Ballinger, Plainview, Snyder, Dallas, Paris, Denton, Sherman, Denison, Pleasant Grove, Grand Prairie and Austin, it was reported.

Negro Is Sentenced For Participating In Woman Attack

DALLAS—(AP)—Theodia Muldrow, 20-year-old Negro, was formally sentenced in district court to death in the electric chair Jan. 21 for his part in criminally assaulting a white woman at her farm home near here in April.

Two other Negroes participated in the attack. Albert Wesley, in jail here, also is under death penalty but the court of criminal appeals has not finally acted on his appeal. Ernest McDay died shortly after being taken to the boy's reformatory at Gatesville.

Teller Under Bond; Admits Embezzling

NORWALK, Conn. —(AP)— A 36-year-old bank teller pleaded guilty Friday a few hours after confessing embezzlement of $73,289 which he squandered on horse races and stocks.

Charles F. Wicke, $3,500-a-year employe of the South Norwalk Savings Bank, was bound over to the January term of superior court, after entering his plea in city court here, and later went to jail in lieu of $25,000 bonds.

Whirling Propeller Kills Plane Student

DALLAS —(AP)— Ralph T. Dixon, 27, Macon, Ga., student at a Dallas aviation school, sustained serious injuries when caught in a whirling airplane propeller only a few hours before he was to take an examination for a commercial pilot's license.

Physicians said both legs were broken just above the knees.

School authorities said Dixon was turning the propeller when the motor suddenly started.

Cyril Vorwald of Guttenberg, Ia., has a mule that opens the pasture gate and drives the cows into the barnyard every afternoon.

25 Baylors Get Letters

16 Will Return For Another Season

WACO—(AP)—The Baylor athletic council announced Saturday that 25 members of the 1940 football squad earned letters. Of them, 16 were expected to return for another season's play.

Robert Nelson, center, and Milton Merka and James Witt, backs, were awarded their third grid letters. Second-letter winners were Curtis Byrd, Don Halen, Jack Lummus, Pat Mickler, Wilson Lucas, Lewis Self, Jack Willis, Jack Wilson and Jaack Anderson.

Earning a letter for the first time were Bobo Barnett, Weldon Bigony, Bill Coleman, Cilton Crain, Buddy Gatewood, Odell Griffin, Rex Gandy, W. B. Godbold, Ed Hickman, George Koch, Travis Nelson, Dwight Parks and Jack Russell.

The athletic council gave David Beck and Ernest Marshall special honor letters for three years of hard work on the Bruin squad.

Italy Doesn't Think US To Donate Ships

ROME—(AP)—Political circles expressed confidence the United States would refrain from delivering German or Italian merchant ships to Great Britain, as suggested by British Minister of Shipping Ronald H. Cross, and said such action would be "unfriendly" toward the Axis powers and "un-neutral."

The Cross suggestion caused "no real surprise" in Italy, it was said, "because it is too well known that Great Britain is doing everything possible to involve the United States in the war."

Record Wheat Crop Indicated In U.S.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A 1941 winter wheat crop of 633,000,000 bushels—the largest since 1938—was indicated on the basis of December 1 condition of the crop, the agriculture department reported.

Such a crop, coupled with an average spring wheat crop and existing surpluses, would provide a supply of around 1,200,000,000 bushels for next season, one of the largest on record, officials said. Spring wheat production usually averages about 183,000,000 bushels. The present surplus has been estimated at about 390,000,000 bushels.

British Claim 5,000 Air Raids On Axis

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British have made nearly 5,000 air raids on Germany and Italy and Axis-occupied territory in the past eight months, the British radio said in a broadcast heard here by CBS.

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Interpreting The War News

Will Nazis Invade?

Triple-Fronted German Attempt Hinted But Churchill Confident Of Victory

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Winter has come astronomically for war-racked Europe and with it prophecies from London that a triple-fronted German attempt to finish off England will be announced—and defeated—before spring burgeons.

Prime Minister Churchill has supported that prediction. He told Parliament that to offset waning German-Italian Axis war fortunes, Hitler "must do something now, or at any rate within two months."

It seems utterly fantastic to assume that Hitler's high command, skilled and carefully daring soldiers, could assent to a winter invasion schedule except in desperation. The risks are great, the seasonal advantages few.

A winter sea invasion by the Germans, unless bombing had already smashed British morale, would hold less terror for England than did the invasion threats of last summer and fall. British channel scouting in three dimensions, air, surface and sub-surface, has been perfected to a fine art by six months of practice. That a barge-carried Nazi army could reach English soil in substantial force without detection by night or day seems wholly improbable.

Churchill warned that breathing spells for London or the rest of England from heavy Nazi night bombing raids might be merely in preparation for a greater air assault. That is possible.

It is also possible, however, that the breathing spells are due to present Nazi difficulties of supplying fuel oil and gasoline for U-boat and air fleets and at the same time storing reserves at French, Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian attack bases. Those difficulties will increase, not lessen, in the months just ahead.

The Danube's 1,750 mile waterway that threads east and west Europe together is Germany's main route for transportation of Rumanian oil. In winter, it is ice closed for many weeks—the same weeks when by British forecast it would be most vitally needed to sustain a Nazi all-out attack on England.

Channel Turbulent

In December, January, February and March, the North Sea and English Channel are normally turbulent. Crossing them to England with thousands of troops and heavy war gear jammed into low freeboard, open barges would be difficult even unopposed.

There is an odd, if not significant parallel between the forecasts of a Nazi winter-spring offensive now and the last World War winter. Then, in late 1917, the cables from Europe hummed for months with forecasts of a final German break-through attempt in France in spring.

It came on March 18, 1918, against the British fifth army, the hinge of the Franco-British battle line. It stabbed deeply, wringing a backs-to-the-wall order from the British commander, and bringing American troops into their first major action at Amiens before it was halted.

Eight months later, Germany surrendered. German morale at home if not at the front collapsed.

OIL DUMPING CASE READIED

State Alleges Wells Pollute Rivers

DALLAS—(AP)—The state will be ready to go to trial about February 8 against 22 additional East Texas oil companies allegedly violating an agreement to refrain from pollution of the Neches-Angelina river system with salt water pumped from oil wells, Assistant Attorney General Hugh Q. Buck said Saturday.

Buck said he would seek a setting of the injunction suit against the 22 companies and individuals February 8, but did not name the defendants who will be prosecuted.

"We have evidence that the oil companies are directly violating an agreement to stop dumping and will ask that a motion for continuance against them be set aside and the case tried on its merits," Buck said.

Hearing on a motion for contempt against Alex McCutchin and John F. Merrick, oil operators alleged to have violated an injunction issued by Judge John A. Rawlins, was postponed indefinitely Saturday because neither of the defendants had been properly served in the case. Judge Rawlins signed an order authorizing Texas Rangers and state highway patrolmen to serve the defendants.

Late Shopper List To Remind You Who Forgot

AUSTIN—(AP)—For last-minute shoppers Miss L. Lucile Emerson of the University of Texas Nursery School recommends these childrens' gifts:

Infants—Unbreakable, washable dolls, fast color beads, stuffed animals, nested blocks.

Two to Three-Year-Olds—Simple doorway gym, rough surface ball, self propelling swing (for physical development); simply dressed doll, wooden train, tea set, sand bed (for dramatic development); clay, paint, rings, puzzles (for creative development).

Three and Four-Year-Olds—Five-foot wooden slide, hand swing, wheelbarrow, tricycle (physical), unbreakable dishes, doll, doll furniture proportioned for child's own use (dramatic), easle, peg boards, puzzles (creative).

Four to Six-Year-Olds—Skooter, wagon, garden tools, gym set (physical), farm yard, circus animals, store-keeping sets, toy chest (dramatic), weaving set, sewing material, carpentry set, bean bag (creative).

Halifax Said Sure Of Lothian's Post

LONDON—(AP)—Appointment of Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax as ambassador to the United States was regarded as certain by an influential section of the British press and the London Times said it could conceive of no one "better fitted for this important post."

The Daily Mail flatly declared the tall, scholarly foreign secretary would assume the post left vacant by the death of Lord Lothian, and asserted his name already had been submitted to President Roosevelt for approval.

Petroleum Company Files Its Statement

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Phillips Petroleum Company filed with the Securities Commission a registration statement covering $20,000,000 of 1 3-4 per cent convertible debentures, due January 1, 1951, and $15,000,000 of serial notes running through January 1, 1951.

The statement also covered an undetermined amount of common capital stock, no par value, including scrip certificates, to be reserved for conversion of the debentures.

Ft. Worth Attorney, Public Figure, Dies

FORT WORTH—(AP)—I. H. Burney, 81, attorney, business man, and public figure for more than half a century, died in a hospital here Saturday.

In ill health which caused him to undergo two operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the last few years, he entered the hospital here on December 12. When he retired from the presidency of the public library board here in June, 1939, he gave "age and waning strength" as one of the reasons."

The only commercial sources of helium in the world are the natural gas fields of southwestern United States.

Sets Pace

Brown-eyed Frances Fedden of New York, Vassar graduate, has been picked from a field of 175 models as "Miss Fashion Futures" to take the lead in a New York style show Jan. 8-9 designed to set the fashion pace for the United States.

ALIEN SQUARE DEAL PLEDGED

US Illegal Entrants Asked To Confess

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Attorney General Jackson, urging registration by aliens who entered the United States illegally, pledged Saturday night a "square deal" for every alien "who confesses his fault."

He emphasized that he was "not making any promises" that penalties for illegal entry would be withheld.

But, he continued, "I say to loyal and deserving non-citizens who entered this country illegally that we have a genuine desire to avoid hardships and that there will be no negligent or ruthless treatment of appeals of leniency and no indiscriminate rejection of claims."

Former Mopac Chief Succumbs Saturday

NEW YORK—(AP)—Harry Bronner, 72, retired banker and former president and chairman of the board of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company, died Friday.

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point has had 38 superintendents.

Christmas Tree Far Below Surface Now An Annual Affair In Coal Mine But It Started As Prank Of Miners

ISHPEMING, Mich. — (AP) — A Christmas tradition born seven years ago as the result of a prank was observed by miners far below the earth's surface.

A brightly lighted Christmas tree, 1,300 feet down a shaft of the Greenwood mine of the Inland Steel Company, beckoned to miners for their famous Yule party.

Miners and guests gathered around the tree at 6 a. m. for a half-hour program of gift exchanging and small talk before going to daily tasks in the remote spots of the pit.

Mostly, the gifts were of a humorous nature, but a few bore out Christmas' deepest sentiments.

The tradition was born in 1933. Timber haulers on the way to the Negaunee mine of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company found a small Christmas tree which had fallen from a truckload.

Was An Accident

They tossed the tree onto the pile of timber and sent it down into the mine. A miner set it up in a corner. Other miners pitched paper scraps from their lunch kits onto the tree for ornaments.

"Let's do this every Christmas," suggested Charles Miron, captain of the Negaunee mine at the time.

JAPS PREVENT U. S. TRADING

Goods Under Guard In Indo-China

HANOI, French Indo-China —(AP)—United States Consul Charles Reed has spent the past 10 days in a vain effort to obtain release of some $10,000,000 in American merchandise held here and at Haiphong since Japan's entry into Indo-China, it was learend from authoritative sources.

Reed has urged French authorities to grant permission to re-export the cargoes, but these sources stated emphatically that the French refusal was due to pressure from Japanese military officials.

The cargo, the majority of which was assigned to Chinese purchasers in West China, now is piled in warehouses here and at Haiphong and guarded by Japanese soldiers although American flags are flown from the buildings. Shipment to West China became impossible when Japanese entry into Indo-China disrupted service on the Haiphong-Kunming railway.

It also was learned that U. S. Ambassador Joseph C. Crew at Tokyo also has been attempting to obtain release of this American property, apparently without success.

Some French Favor Opposing Nazis By Moving To Africa

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation attributed to General Charles De Gaulle, leader of the French forces still resisting Germany, a statement that several members of the French cabinet prefer transferring the government to Africa rather than submitting France to a final "subjugation" by Germany.

The BBC's broadcast, picked up here by NBC, said "the determination of the French leaders in Africa to defend their empire is hardy."

Ground Forces For Aviation Expanded

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army Air Corps announced that it would train hundreds of former fliers, engineers and other qualified civilians to serve the expanding air forces on the ground as squadron engineering officers.

First classes of 50 students each will enter New York and Purdue universities next month, and others will follow at three-month intervals. After 12 weeks of study, six months additional training will be given at Chanute Field, Ill.

Both Parties Work For Next Election

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Although it is nearly two years until the next congressional election, neither major party is letting any grass grow under its feet.

With Republicans talking of a full-time permanent staff here, it was announced that the Democratic national headquarters would move the first of the year into a luxurious 25-room suite in the Mayflower Hotel.

Geologists To See South Texas Oilers

AUSTIN, Tex. — (AP) — Scientists attending the Geological Society of America meeting at the University of Texas Dec. 26 to 28 will be taken on a post-convention tour of South Texas oil fields.

Dr. Hal P. Bybee who is arranging the tour said the guests would inspect wells and recycling plants in the Corpus Christi area. An optional excursion will take other visitors through the Luling-San Antonio area and West Texas fields.

Pilot Blackout Is Blamed For Crash

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board said the loss of consciousness while piloting his plane was blamed for the crash at Port Neches, Texas, Jan. 16 in which pilot Robert F. Neel was injured seriously.

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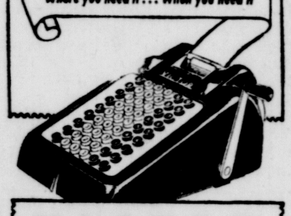

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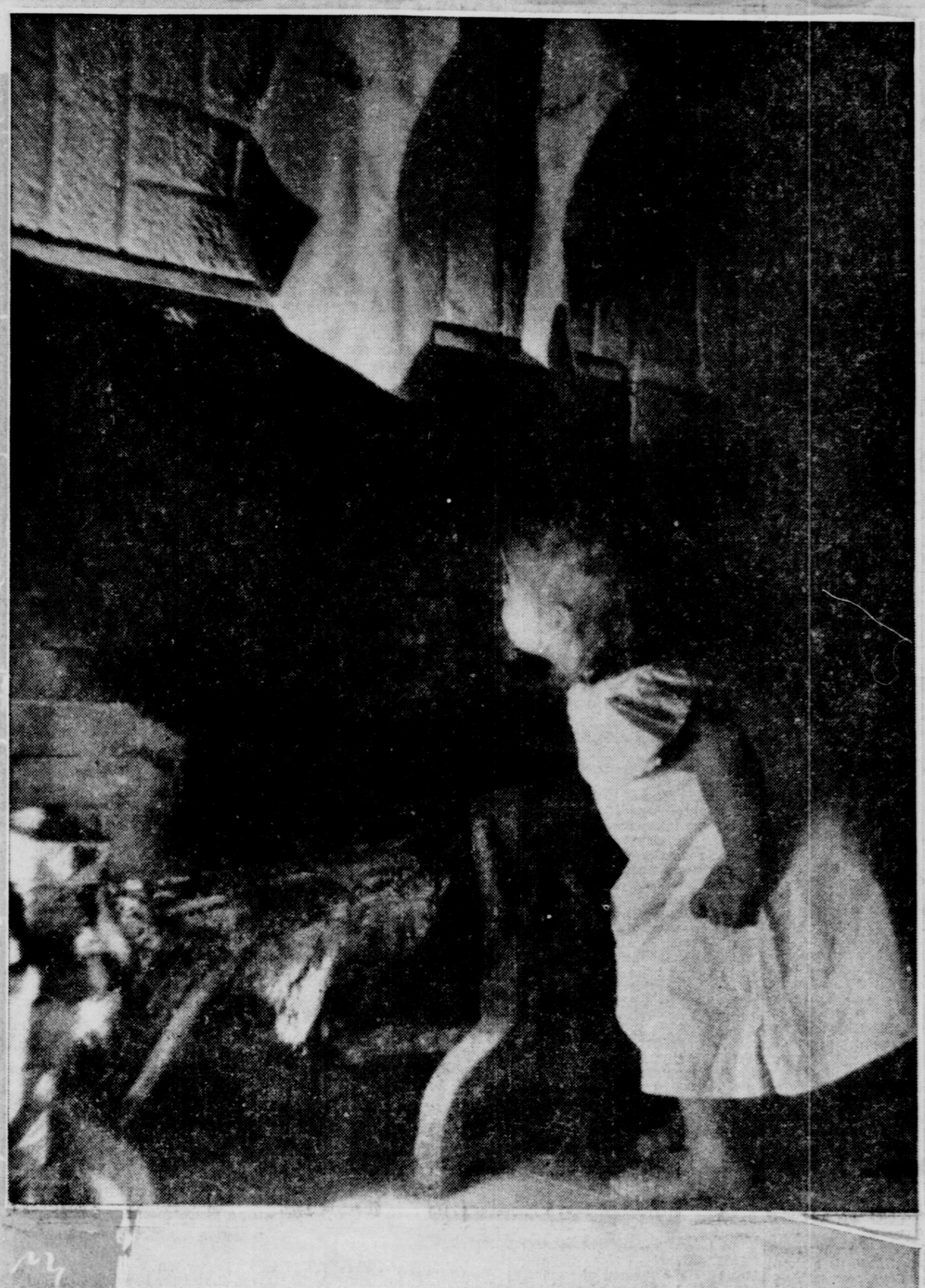

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Santa Claus Is Coming

When Santa comes scrambling down the chimney, he'll find D'Ette Looney, (shown in the upper right photo on preceding page) excitedly waiting to tell him what to put in her stocking and maybe she'll want to tell him some toys that Sister Louise would like to find in her stocking, too. D'Ette is two years old and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Looney of Edinburg.

This Christmas business is rather new to Katherine Little, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Con Little who live on Arroyo Drive in Harlingen, but if there's to be new, interesting toys, Katherine can be depended upon to exhibit enthusiasm.

Of course, she knows the verses by heart, but it's a good idea to refresh one's memory when the time for St. Nick's visit is so very near. Little Carmel Ann Chisum, pictured at the lower left, lives near Hidalgo and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chisum. She is two years old. (All Photos by Pederson-Darrell, McAllen.)

Harlingen Youngsters Guests For Formal Dance Honoring Joe Foster Jr.

HARLINGEN—Joe Foster, Jr., was honor guest Friday night for a formal dance given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster, 306 W. Buchanan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorimer Brown at the Brown home. The event was planned in recognition of the honor guest's tenth birthday anniversary which occurs Christmas. Jack Foster, brother of the celebrant, shared in host duties.

The rooms were in gala Christmas adornment with poinsettias, gladioli, and roses arranged in pretty profusion. Emphasizing the Christmas decor were crystal balls and tall red tapers.

Favors for the girls were silver bells tied with red satin to wear on the wrist and received varicolored horns.

Gladioli in pastel shades made the pretty centerpiece for the refreshment table where punch was served. Individual candies were tied in colored cellophane with little Christmas trees in the center.

Mary Ann Starr, McAllen, cut the cake, a beautifully decorated confection topped by ten candles.

Other guests were Andrew Cook, Bert Alcott, Dickie Criss, Patsy Maher, Joy Davidson, Marilyn and M. D. Cohen, Nina Mae Boone, Billy and Jane Busa, Patricia Hoskins, Patsy and Tommy Williams, Jack Foster, Travis Coins, Doris Ann Pierce.

Tony Brown, Douglas Brown, Ann and Lloyd Stiernberg, Bobby Knight, Julie Gallaher, Joann Hafele, George Diehl, Frank Boggus, Barry Wood, Caddy Meng, Hilda Jean Davies, Benton White, Sammy Lane, and Jackie England.

Departures Prompted By Holidays

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Mary Sue Haynes who has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Johnny Snow and Mrs. Joe Lindaberry for the past several months, will leave by car Saturday morning for her home in San Marcos, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindaberry and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Snow plan to leave Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with relatives in San Marcos and San Antonio. The Lindaberrys will go direct to San Marcos, while the Snows will visit Mr. Snow's mother and father in San Antonio, then join the Haynes family in San Marcos for the annual family re-union.

Miss Velma Wilson, professor of science in the junior college, will leave Saturday morning for her home in Temple to spend the holidays. She will be accompanied as far as San Antonio by Miss Mary Sue Haynes.

Coy Snow, Laredo, Texas, was in Brownsville visiting his brother, Johnny Snow. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John White of San Benito. Mrs. White is a sister of Johnny and Coy Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stone and young baby daughter, Beth, will leave Saturday morning to spend the holidays with Mr. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stone in Okemah, Oklahoma. This will be Beth's first visit to her grandmother's home.

The Misses Ima and Avis Williams will not leave to spend the holidays with their brother in East Texas as had been planned, due to the illness of Miss Avis Williams. The Misses Williams are teachers in the Brownsville schools.

Kent Stratford, organist at the local Baptist Church and teacher in the high school and junior college, will spend the holidays in Dallas.

San Benito Couple Will Be Honored On 50th Anniversary

SAN BENITO—Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Knowlton are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with an informal reception Tuesday, December 24, at their home on Minnesota Ave., near Landrum Park.

Friends of the couple are invited to call between two and five o'clock Tuesday afternoon and between seven and ten o'clock that night.

Bluebonnet Club Has Christmas Party

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Filbert Engelbrecht was hostess to the Bluebonnet Club of Stuart Place Wednesday afternoon at her home on North Stuart road. Bougainvilleas and poinsettias gave decoration to the home which were brightened with traditional Christmas ornaments.

On the arrival of Santa Claus, gifts were exchanged from the lighted Christmas tree.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. J. Garrett and Mrs. M. R. Schrantz, served coffee, cookies and candy to Mesdames C. W. Spangler, W. E. Carey, J. L. Woodward, R. L. Day, L. A. Carey, Forrest Pence, John Miller, O. C. Smith, T. J. Graham, C. E. Johnson Perry Brown, H. Schacht, Iona Fudge, and R. C. Carey.

Hills To Houston

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hill will leave the first of the week for Houston where they will spend a few days with their son, C. N. Hill, Jr., and Mrs. Hill. The Brownsville pair plan to return here Friday.

Tandys Home

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Cleve Tandy and Mrs. Mark N. French, accompanied by their daughter and granddaughter, Miss Ann Tandy, returned Friday evening from Waco. Miss Tandy is a student at Baylor University.

Many Guests Are Arriving For Holidays

HARLINGEN—Christmas will be the occasion for a family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murray when four of Mrs. Murray's five brothers will be guests. From out of the Valley will be L. J. Menton of Little Rock, T. F. Menton of Beaumont, and L. V. Menton of Dallas.

From Mercedes will be Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Menton. A fifth brother, who resides in Washington, will be unable to attend.

Miss Angela Murray will arrive this weekend from San Antonio and will remain with her parents until after the holidays.

PAT COLLIER HOME FOR VACATION

Pat Collier was among the A. and M. students dismissed early from classes because of the flu epidemic. After spending the holidays he will return by way of Beaumont where he will visit his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Bevil, and Dr. Bevil, and his grandfather, A. F. Hester.

W. H. JOHNSON TO ARRIVE FOR HOLIDAYS

W. H. Johnson will arrive at the weekend from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ella Johnson and other relatives. He is a student at George Washington University in Washington.

GUESTS COMING FROM SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. Terry Shand and son, Terry Jr., of San Antonio, will arrive at the weekend to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Shand's sister, Mrs. J. G. Koniakowsky and Mr. Koniakowsky. Marthan Shand, a daughter, is spending the winter with her aunt and attending school.

GUESTS ARRIVE FOR WINTER VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Broaddus of Blue Springs, Mo., arrived Friday to visit their nephew, Lytel Jones and Mrs. Jones. They will spend the rest of the winter.

Bougainvillea Club Plans Special Meet Sunday Afternoon

HARLINGEN — About 25 members were present for the meeting of Latin-American Bougainvillea Garden Club held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Enrique Lozano. Mrs. G. A. Larson was a special visitor.

The president thanked the group for help in making the costume entered by the club in the Weslaco Birthday Style Show.

A letter was read sent to the club by the president of the United States, thanking the members for congratulating him upon being re-elected.

A committee named to confer with the mayor includes Mrs. G. M. Lozano, Mrs. F. Saldivar, and Mrs. R. Lozano. Bingo was played and the prize donated by Mrs. Enrique Lozano was won by Mrs. Luis Lozano.

Members participated in the exchange of Christmas presents with Mrs. Carlos Olivares taking the role of Santa. At the end of the meeting cake and hot coffee were served.

There will be a special meeting Sunday, Dec. 22, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Lozano, 1009 E. Madison All members are urged to attend.

Next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Rogeloo Alvarez, 223 W. Tyler, January 8.

Club Group Has Musical

HARLINGEN — The Saturday Music Club, composed of members of Mrs. W. J. Williams piano classes, entertained parents and friends with a Christmas musical at Mrs. Williams home, 902 East Taylor on Saturday at four o'clock. Poinsettias formed the decorations for the music rooms. Patricia Williams and Howard Ries were hosts.

Patricia Williams, program leader for the day, gave a short interesting talk on the life of Brahms. Jean Henderson and Bettylou Williams sang Brahms "Lullaby" and Miss Henderson played his "Waltz in A Flat" as examples of his best loved compositions.

Patricia introduced the following members who presented a varied and interesting program: Mary Lee Goldammer, Carolyn Henderson, Betty Mallernee, Barbara Ruth Mallernee, Howard Ries, Delores Rinn, Bettylou Williams, Miss Henderson and Mrs. Clarence Gound.

Composers represented were Maxim, Williams, Thompson, Hiens, Beethoven, Adams, Delibes, Rubenstien, Nevin, St. Clair and Brahms. Of special interest for the Christmas season were the two number played by Howard Ries and Mrs. Clarence Gound with a solo vox obbligato by Mrs. Williams, and "God Bless America" by Berlin, especially arranged for two pianos by Mrs. Williams and played by little Mary Lee Goldammer, aged six, and Mrs. Williams.

Special awards for perfect attendance and practice records for three months were given to Howard Ries, Delores Rinn, Bettylou Williams, and Patricia Williams. Achievement awards were also given to Carolyn Henderson and Mary Lee Goldammer.

After the program Mrs. Gound, Marilyn and M. D. Cohn assisted in serving Christmas tree cookies and cocoa to the guests. The refreshment table was laid with a lace cloth over red and centered with a brightly lighted Christmas tree.

Christmas Party

HARLINGEN—South O'Harlingen Home Demonstration Club members held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Wilford Smith when a sumptuous dinner was served.

Gifts were exchanged and special tokens were presented to Mrs. Harper Lilly, Mercedes, a guest and former club member, and Mesdames C. E. Morgan, Wilford Smith and Charles Pierce as out-going officers.

Officers installed by Mrs. Jack Choat are Mrs. Wilford Smith, president; Mrs. Charles Pierce, vice president; Mrs. O. V. Rawlings, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ivan Gregory, reporter; Mrs. Roy Brown, parliamentarian; and Mrs. George Taber, alternate reporter.

Holiday Guests

BROWNSVILLE—Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Haywood will be Mrs. Haywood's sister, Miss Mary Jane Meyer, Chi Omega, of Cincinnati, and Edwin Kohli, Sigma Chi, of Tiffin, Ohio.

Guests At League Party

Shown above are Mrs. Frank I. Comey, who is spending the winter in Brownsville, receiving Mrs. Augustine Celaya, Sr., at the party given for members of the Brownsville Civic League by Mrs. Volney W. Taylor at her home, Quintz la Paz. Mrs. Comey, a winter visitor who maintains her membership in the League is receiving from Mrs. Celaya gifts for the Charity Home, a custom observed annually by the League. (Photo by Johnny Martin.)

Calendar

BROWNSVILLE

MONDAY

Christmas party for the ballet and tap classes of the Frances Leighton Dashiell studio at 4 p.m. at the studio.

THURSDAY

Dance by the Valley club of Texas A. and M. at 10 p.m. at Miller's Grill.

FRIDAY

Tea by Mrs. Joe Celaya and Mrs. R. B. Creager between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Creager home honoring Mrs. Carlisle Williams of Evansville, Indiana, Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Jr., and Mrs. Pedro Chapa, both of Mexico City.

SATURDAY

Coffee by Mrs. Edward McChesney between 10 a.m. and 12 noon at the Russell McChesney home.

SUNDAY

Open house by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Porter between 3 and 6 p.m.

McALLEN

MONDAY

Mrs. Jack Nelson will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

FRIDAY

Mrs. W. J. Dean will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

7:00 p. m.—Members of the Ma Kocha Club will entertain their husbands with a supper party at the M. P. Wilson home.

Wheelers Leave

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler and daughter, Betty Jo, plan to leave Tuesday for San Antonio where they will visit their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Mangum, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wheeler. They will return here next Sunday.

Leaguers Send Out Dance Cards

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Junior Service League have sent out cards to many in Brownsville and in other parts of the Valley, announcing the breakfast dance to be held New Year's Eve at El Jardin hotel.

The affair will be one of the gala ones of the season, and it is expected that society will turn out almost en masse for the event. Reservations may be made at the hotel. Baron Dakin and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Proceeds will go for the upkeep of the Well Baby clinic, project of the League for this year.

Winner in the doll contest sponsored by the League was Mary Frances McAllister. Proceeds from this will go to the clinic too.

Members have arranged for Christmas baskets for the children under their care, and those who have been attending the Well Baby clinic. These will be distributed later in the week.

McNallies Visit

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Harbert Davenport have as their guests for the holidays Mrs. Davenport's cousin, Mrs. Clyde McNallie, and Mr. McNallie, of Sarcoxie, Missouri.

Briggs Leave

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Briggs plan to leave Sunday for Bremond where they will visit until the first of the year.

Holiday Note Introduced In Club Meeting

HARLINGEN — A Christmas tea was the pleasant courtesy enjoyed by Garden club members and their guests at the conclusion of an especially interesting program Thursday that gave recognition to the approach of Christmas.

Mrs. J. W. Wade, gave an inspiring talk on "The Spirit of Christmas."

Mrs. W. H. Carlisle sang "The Message of the Angels" and "The Birthday of a King" from Dvorak's "New World Symphony." She was accompanied by Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes.

A delightful flower playlet, presented pupils from the South Ward School, was given under the direction of Mrs. Frank Crown. Each child represented a different flower. The play was written by Marilyn Cohen. The children sang a group of carols to conclude the program.

Club members heard a report on the costume entered by the organization in the Weslaco style show and worn by Miss Dorothy Carlisle and a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. G. A. Larson who worked out the design and did the preliminary work.

Each member brought a gift for the Day Nursery Building and recognition was given to the birthdays of Mrs. Carlisle and Mrs. W. E. McWilliams.

Huge red roses and red candles centered the tea table where a variety of open-faced sandwiches and other dainties were served. Mrs. E. O. Anglin poured coffee and Mrs. L. R. Dubois, president, poured tea.

In charge of arrangements for the afternoon were Mrs. Wade, chairman, and Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. H. C. Ware, and Miss Pearl Wahler.

Surprise Party Is Birthday Event For McAllenite

McALLEN—As a surprise to note Mrs. Bob Womack's birthday Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones entertained a group of her friends for an informal evening of fun.

Gathering at the Horace Jones Home on North Seventh street were Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thornborough, Miss Eva Sue Murphy, Harold Hensen of Harlingen, and Bob Womack.

Poinsettias formed the mantelpiece floral note while on the table where refreshments were served a hug red candle was lighted in front of a nest of silvered ornaments surrounded by poinsettia blossoms.

Indianapolis Pair Guests In City

BROWNSVILLE — Thursday guests in Brownsville were Misses Kathryn Turney Garten and Josephine Turney of Indianapolis, Indiana. They departed Friday morning by plane for Mexico City, and plan to visit there and in Merida before returning home by way of Brownsville on January 1.

The two visitors were greeted here by Mrs. G. W. Johnson. Miss Garten is a lecturer on books, and is enjoying a brief vacation before beginning a tour which includes speaking engagements from January 2 until June 4.

TO VISIT SON

RIO GRANDE CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harkins of Dallas will arrive Tuesday to be the guests for several days of their son, Lt. Horace G. Goodrich, and Mrs. Goodrich.

Beautiful Setting Adds Interest To Ceremony Read For Weslaco Pair

WESLACO—In rites performed against a beautiful background expressive of the Christmas season, Miss Betty Belle Blackwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D A. Blackwell, and James Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Vaughan, exchanged marriage vows Saturday morning in the First Presbyterian Church. The impressive single ring ceremony, read at ten o'clock by the Rev. J. A. Reed, pastor, was solemnized before an altar elaborately decorated in silver and large double red poinsettias.

Mrs. Norman Wilson of Harlingen was soloist, singing "I Love You Truly" and "Because" prior to the traditional wedding marches, "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's Lohengrin, and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" which were played by Miss Robin Cook, pianist.

The bride, who entered with her father and was given by him in marriage, wore a gown of traditional bridal satin fashioned with short train. The bodice had a sweetheart neckline and the sleeves, full at the shoulders, narrowed to fit closely to a point over the hand.

Her beautiful veil, fingertip length, was caught into a bridal halo. Her flowers were an arm bouquet of orange blossoms and chrysanthemums arranged in shower effect and her only ornament was a single strand of pearls. For something old she carried an heirloom handkerchief of rose point.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Lyle Grace who wore soldier blue velveteen and carried an arm bouquet of red roses.

Quin McManus attended the bridegroom and ushers were Van Blackwell and Eugene Vaughan.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on a wedding trip.

Mrs. Vaughan chose for her going away costume, a light weight soldier blue wool with gold and white accessories. The bride is a graduate of Falfurrias high school and attended Texas A. & I. College at Kingsville. The bridegroom graduated from Weslaco high school and business college in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan will be at home to their many friends in Weslaco after the New Year.

Betas Hold Yule Supper And Party

BROWNSVILLE—Annual Christmas party of the Beta Sigma Phi was held Thursday evening in the form of a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckols.

At the event, the secret pals were revealed in the exchange of gifts, when Mrs. Tom Barber, Jr., acted as Santa Claus. The members drew names for secret pals again, and these will be revealed at the birthday meeting of the sorority in March.

The four pledges chose as their "big sisters" the following: Mrs. Paul Ellington, Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckols; Miss Elizabeth Canales, Miss Miriam Bray; Misses Jane Richardson and Mozelle Pruden, Miss Inez Brulay.

Miss Canales led in singing Christmas carols which closed the meeting.

Attending were Misses Jane Richardson, Mozelle Pruden, Elizabeth Canales, Mary Patrick, Laverne Sullivan, Miriam Bray, Inez Brulay, Mesdames Dick Swanson, Paul Ellington, Tom Barber, Jr., Robert Goodrifh.

The next meeting will be held January 6 at the home of Miss Elizabeth Canales.

Frank Hubbard Arrives From Dallas School

BROWNSVILLE — Frank Hubbard, son of Colonel and Mrs. E. L. Hubbard of Fort Brown, will arrive here at the weekend from the Terrill Preparatory school and junior college at Dallas, for the Christmas holidays.

The Brownsville youth, who is preparing at the Dallas school for California Tech, will go on a hunting trip to Mexico with his parents during the holidays. He has one of the highest scholastic rankings in his class at Terrill., Headmaster Sam M. Davis, has announced.

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

EDCOUCH — The A. B. Barker family plan to spend Christmas Day at Edinburg with relatives.

Students Return From Incarnate Word College

BROWNSVILLE—Expected Saturday evening from San Antonio where they are students at Incarnate Word were Miss Helen Edelstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Edelstein, and Miss Lucie Starr Grider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore S. Grider.

Miss Ruth Edelstein, who has been attending school in Norman, Oklahoma, departed Friday for Pueblo, Colorado, to spend the holidays with friends.

Miss Yates Home

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Mattie Yates was to arrive Sautrday from Austin where she is a student at the University of Texas. Miss Yates will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Yates for the holidays.

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Brownsville Coffee Given On Saturday

Holiday Setting Adds Interest

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Herbert L. Stokeley entertained with a delightful holiday morning coffee Saturday between the hours of ten and twelve.

Poinsettias and white gladioli were used in profusion throughout the receiving, living and dining rooms.

Greeting guests at the door was Mrs. W. E. McDavitt. Receiving with Mrs. Stokeley were out of town guests: Mrs. Frank I. Comey of California, Mrs. Pedro Chapa, Mexico City, Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Mexico City.

Assisting during the morning were the Mesdames Jesse Dennett, Volney Taylor, Blanche Richardson and Augustine Celaya.

Mrs. R. B. Creager and Mrs. Ben Freudenstein poured coffee.

The dining room was lovely in red and white decorations. The centerpiece at the coffee table was an unusual electrically lighted tinsel Christmas tree set amidst a beautiful snow scene.

About 80 guests were received.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Goodrich and young son, B. G., and Mr. E. K. Goodrich arrived Thursday noon by motor from Mexico City. Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Goodrich and son will visit with Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, senior, while Mr. E. K. Goodrich will join his wife and two small children as guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. McNair.

After Christmas Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Goodrich and children accompanied by Mr. B. N. Goodrich will return to Mexico City. Mrs. B. N. Goodrich will remain until after the New Year then go on to her home in Preston, Iowa, for two or three weeks visit with her people. On her way back to Brownsville, Mrs. Goodrich will attend the Junior League convention in St. Louis as a representative from Mexico City.

Hobby Group Holds Party

HARLINGEN—A very festive atmosphere was created for the Christmas party enjoyed by the hobby group Wednesday at the home of Mrs. N. B. Lackland, 706 E. Van Buren. A beautiful Christmas tree, from which gifts were exchanged, and blossoms emphasizing the chosen red and green adorned the living room.

The same color theme was noted in the appointment of quartet tables where the delicious luncheon was served. Favors were Christmas trees held in large white gum drops.

Games were enjoyed and the award in a contest to finish a poem went to Mrs. H. M. Dunaway with Mrs. J. B. Bradford receiving second.

Handwork was dispensed with as plans were made for sending baskets to needy on Christmas and New Year's.

Mrs. J. Roquet of Hopkins, Minn., was a guest.

Members present were Mesdames J. B. Bradford, J. B. Langford, Tom Bowman, R. T. Sanders, H. M. Dunaway, Jack Summer, A. B. Ewing, Nina Mohr, Charles Bleakney, A. L. Hamilton, and the hostess.

Eidmans, Ransomes Plans Holiday Visit In Austin

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eidman plan to leave Tuesday for Austin where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Eidman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eidman, Sr.

Planning to leave Sunday for a visit with the Eidmans in Austin are Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eidman, Jr.

Planning to leave Sunday, too, are Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ransome and their young son and daughter, Rufus, Jr., and Dorothy Anne. They will visit in Austin with Mrs. Ransome's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eidman, Sr., and in Bastrop with Mr. Ransome's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ransome. The Ransomes plan to return just after Christmas.

Blacks Depart

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Black and two daughters, Barbara and Mary Burnette, departed Saturday morning by car for New Orleans, Louisiana. There they will meet their other daughter and sister, Miss Beverly Black, a student at Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia, to spend the holidays, returning here after the Sugar Bowl game.

Leave For West

RAYMONDVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hecht left this week for Los Angeles for the Christmas holidays. They will visit with their daughter, Miss Helen Lee Hecht, who is taking post graduate work at the University of California. They were among the very first citizens to start out on a long trip over the newly opened Hug-the-Coast highway.

Miss Ruff Arrives

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Elizabeth Ruff arrives Sunday from Raleigh, North Carolina, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Roy Ruff.

Off To Austin

BROWNSVILLE—Richard Walker, Brownsville school band director, planned to leave Saturday for Austin to spend the holidays with his mother.

Miss Runyon To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Runyon of Brownsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to R. E. "Mike" Gilbert of Harlingen, son of Mrs. Ida Gilbert. The ceremony will take place in the Sacred Heart Church in Brownsville January 13. Both Miss Runyon and Mr. Gilbert are popular members of the younger society group of the Valley.

Miss Virginia Runyon To Become Bride Of Robert E. Mike Gilbert

BROWNSVILLE—The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Virginia Runyon, pretty and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Runyon, to R. E. "Mike" Gilbert of Harlingen, son of Mrs. Ida Gilbert, of Harlingen, was announced at a tea Friday afternoon at Landrum's.

Mrs. Runyon was hostess at the lovely affair between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock, and the guest list numbered about seventy-five.

Receiving in the second floor rooms at Landrum's were Mrs. Runyon, her daughter, and the bridegroom-elect's mother.

The honoree was especially pretty in a becoming gown of pale pink net, worn over taffeta. The frock was fashioned with a fitted bodice of chiffon, threaded with silver. Mrs. Runyon wore blue crepe with the bodice ornamented with beading, and Mrs. Gilbert wore black crepe with touches of white. All three wore corsages to harmonize or contrast with their frocks.

A particularly pretty setting had been arranged for the affair, with the red, white and silver of the holiday season being noted in the decor. About the rooms were potted palms and other greenery. Arranged in white pottery vases were American Beauty roses, combined with silver wheat, or with the wheat and large white carnations.

The announcement was made in unique fashion, as the small silver Christmas tree which centered the tea table was entwined with delicate scrip in red which read, "Virginia and Mike, January 13, 1941." Base for the small, graceful tree was fashioned of poinsettias, laid flat on the table. Down the table from each side of the tree were two white tapers set in the poinsettias and silvered fern. On the mantelpiece was another graceful arrangement of the poinsettias combined with fern, flanked by white tapers.

Presiding alternately at the tea table during the designated hours were Mrs. A. W. Reed, who wore black crepe and Miss Theresa Champion whose blouse of black velvet was worn with an American Beauty moire skirt; and Mrs. Collin Dunn of Harlingen, who wore a suit of black, and Mrs. W. T. Runyon, whose frock of crepe was mustard-colored.

Others assisting throughout the afternoon hours were the bride-elect's aunt, Mrs. F. Gonzalez of Matamoros, who wore aqua crepe; Miss Elizabeth Canales, who wore a skirtwaist frock of red and white; Miss Lenore Yturria, in gold lame; Miss Jenny Putegnat, white jersey; Miss Irene Reed, lavender chiffon; and Miss Bernice Kowalski, who wore purple.

The announcement claims much interest both here and in Harlingen. The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Texas where she majored in government and history, and where she took part in many activities. Mr. Gilbert is immediate past president of the Harlingen 20-30 Club.

The wedding has been set for six o'clock in the evening of January 13 at the Sacred Heart church.

Day Nursery Kiddies Enjoy Jolly Party

HARLINGEN—The Fine Arts Club held their annual Christmas party at the Harlingen Day Nursery Friday afternoon for children cared for at the nursery. A gayly decorated tree which held gifts for each of the 30 children was the center of interest.

Arrangements for the party were in charge of the social committee which has Mrs. W. H. Carlisle as chairman and Mrs. George Zahn and Mrs. Douglas Carroll as members.

Works Family Goes

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. B. M. Works and sons and daughter, Lee and Mac and Ann, departed Saturday for Alto Loma for a holiday visit with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. William Konzack. Dr. Works will join them for Christmas, and they will accompany him home.

Parents To Visit

RIO GRANDE CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Lafferty, parents of Lt.-Col. Frederick R. Lafferty, commanding officer at Fort Ringgold, will arrive Sunday from San Francisco, Cal., to be the guests of Col. and Mrs. Lafferty through the holidays.

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A. & I. May Close Early For Holidays

KINGSVILLE—The flu epidemic which closed A. and M. College and numerous public schools in Texas, hit A. and I. this week. Many pupils were unable to attend classes, and a number left early for the Christmas holidays either to avoid or recuperate from the flu. There was some talk of dismissing school early for the holidays.

Roscoe Maris and Jack Rucker, both of McAllen, were placed on the third and second teams, respectively, of the All Alamo Conference selections this week. A check reveals that from the members of the first, second, and third teams, Maris and Rucker were the only sophomores to gain All-Conference recognition.

Rucker, who was All-Valley back while playing for the McAllen Bulldogs in 1936, beat out "Sacks" Mattingly, All-Conference fullback last year and who received All-American mention this year. Mattingly was placed on the third team, behind Rucker and Larry Sanders of West Texas State. Mattingly was fifth highest scorer in the nation in 1939. Rucker was placed on the team as fullback, while Maris is a guard.

A. and I. had 4 men on the first string, 7 on the second string, and 5 on the third string. Included in the first string selections was Stuart Clarkson, A. and I.'s Little All-America center.

George Cail of Port Isabel was a member of the cast of "A Sign Unto You," one of the Christmas plays presented by the A. and I. Footlight Club this week.

A. and I. was represented in the Kingsville delegation to the opening of the Hug-The-Coast highway celebration in Raymondville last Tuesday by the 55 piece Javelina Band. The A. and I. Band marched in the downtown section of Raymondville in the morning and played a concert at the athletic field in the afternoon. There are between ten and fifteen Rio Grande Valley students playing in the band now.

Richard Nugent of Brownsville is one of approximately twenty A. and I. pupils who have withdrawn from school to take part in the years training for military service. All pupils who withdrew for this purpose will be reinstated in their same position exactly a year later.

Engineering draftsmen to qualify for civil service jobs in national defense will be trained in a special intensive course in the Texas A. and I. Engineering Department. The only requirements of eligibility to take the course are that the student must be a high school graduate and have had 2 years of high school mathematics.

The federal government will assume the total cost of the course, which will last from three to five months. The course will not be open to regularly enrolled college students, as it will require from five to eight hours work a day.

The course will be under the supervision of the U. S. Office of Education and will be taught by members of the A. and I. Engineering Department faculty. Students interested should communicate with Professor R. L. Peurifoy, Texas A. and I., Kingsville.

Students Arriving

BROWNSVILLE—Arriving Sunday morning from the University of Texas in Austin where they are students will be Miss Maxine Rockwell and Miss Mary Frances Seago. Miss Rockwell will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay L. Rockwell for the holidays, and Miss Seago will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Seagoo.

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To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chaffin of Nixon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dixie, to J. H. Balko of Kingsville. The marriage will be solemnized at the Nixon Baptist Church, December 22, at nine o'clock. Rev. J. M. Reynolds of Goliad will officiate. (Edrington Studio.)

Calendar

HARLINGEN

SUNDAY

5 p.m. "Christmas Carols from Many Lands," a vesper organ recital, by Miss Virginia Perry at the First Methodist Church.

MONDAY

2:30 p.m. Beginners Department of the Methodist Church School will be entertained with a class party at the school.

THURSDAY

8 p.m. Regular meeting of Harlingen Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Masonic Hall.

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Annual Christmas party of the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be held at the Wahler Building.

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Mrs. Vivier Hostess To Bridge Unit

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Joe Vivier, Jr., was hostess this week to members of her Wednesday Bridge club when she entertained at the club's Christmas party.

In the living room, a theme of red and green had been developed through the use of pine cones, pine branches, holly and red tapers, while in the dining room, a blue and silver theme was used. Centering the table was a small tree of silver, lighted with blue lights, and flanked by blue tapers in silver.

There was an exchange of gifts among the members as one of the features of the afternoon.

In the bridge games, Mrs. A. K. Black was high, and the bingo prize went to Mrs. Thurman A. Kinder, Jr.

Guests included Mesdames Lula George, F. W. Hofmokel, James L. Abney, M. P. McNair, Wallace B. Harwood, G. D. Sutton, B. M. Works, Drew Patteson, Joe K. Wells, A. K. Black, R. C. Morris, Thomas H. Sweeney, and Thurman A. Kinder, Jr.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Wells.

13 Members Attend Circle's Holiday

McALLEN — Thirteen members and two visitors were present Thursday afternoon when the Rebecca Circle of the First Methodist Church met at the church.

After a short business meeting Mrs. Ralph Osborn and Mrs. E. N. Freeman talked on the subject, "Interesting our Heritage in Social Evangelism." The devotional was given by Mrs. Murray Boorman.

Hostesses for the social hour which followed were Mesdames Ralph Osborne, E. W. Ogden, O. F. Chesebro and M. Fulwider. To add to the fun there was a grab bag filled with presents. Each person received a gift.

College Students Home For Holidays To Be Season's Feted Guests

McALLEN—College students and their guests were beginning to trickle into McAllen during the week-end as parents and friends made plans for their entertainment.

Opening the week's festivities for the younger set is the tea Mrs. Hal Ramsey is giving at her home this afternoon to honor her daughter, Miss Nena, and house guest, Miss Betty McGee of Houston. Both the girls are students at the University of Houston. The Ramsey family will leave Tuesday for Denton to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crawford will have a house full for the holidays. Their daughter, Gwendolyn, is expected to arrive in a few days from Pasadena, Calif., where she attends the Playhouse; Lloyd is coming from Waco; Ralph from Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford from Alice; and a niece, Miss Harriet Park, from Houston. For Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford of Weslaco will also be guests.

Among students who arrived home from Texas A. and I. College Friday were Ann Dunn, Rosemary Smith, Bill Holmes, Richard Rowe, Aaron Reynolds, Billy Cross and Ed and Jack Rucker.

Mrs. Stella Wilson and Miss Dorothea Wilson will entertain Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and two children from St. Louis for the holidays.

Alice Garcia returned Saturday from Austin where she is a student at the University of Texas. She was met at Alice by her cousin, Miss Gloria Garcia of Laredo, who will be a guest here at the Esteban Garcia home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Groom will entertain Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Groom, Mrs. A. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Jones, all of Brownsville.

Mrs. N. K. Cotten of Van Alstyne, Tex., is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Drye, for the holidays. Next week Mrs. Jean Lindsey, Mrs. Drye's sister from Van Alstyne is to arrive to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cottingham and children were to leave today to spend the holidays at Uvalde visiting relatives.

Charity Ball Is Planned In Edinburg

EDINBURG—Plans are going forward for the New Year's Eve Charity Ball, sponsored by the local organization of Bundles for Britain, Inc., according to Mrs. J. C. Looney, publicity chairman.

The ball is to be held at the Country Club with Lee M. Kolhenberg's Original Orchestra from San Antonio furnishing the music.

Reservations should be addressed to Mrs. Looney as it is understood that there are a limited number of tickets to be sold. Mrs. Looney also announced that prizes are to be given at the dance. Details will be announced later.

Brownsville Girl Is Named Belle

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Delia Yznaga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Yznaga, has been elected a Bluebonnet Belle at the University of Texas. She will represent the Latin-American club in the Bluebonnet Belle revue and dance which will take place at the annual Round-Up. Miss Yznaga is a junior in the school of arts and science at the school.

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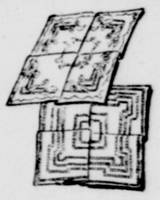
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Mrs. Hirst Is Heard By Juniors

Women Of Bible Topic Of Address

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Penrose W. Hirst was the special guest speaker at the Thursday afternoon meeting of the Junior Self Culture club at the home of Miss Betty Rockwell.

Mrs. Hirst's topic was women of the Bible. She sketched the interesting lives of two women of the Old Testament, Deborah and Jezebel, and then the lives of women of the New Testament, Mary of Bethany, and Eunice and Lois, mother and grandmother of Timothy.

In her address, Mrs. Hirst showed how the good and bad qualities of these women could be compared to the same good and bad qualities in women of today.

The Rockwell home was festive in Christmas decorations for the occasion, and the red and green motif was carried out in the refreshment plate served by the hostess.

There was a report on the social service project of the club. The members met earlier in the day, decorated the nursery room and a tree at the Buena Vida project, and arranged for stockings to be filled for all the children in the housing project nursery school.

Four members of the club assisted in the sale of Christmas seals.

The next meeting will be held January 2 when Mrs. Fred Pilgrim is hostess and Miss Rockwell will be in charge of the program.

Attending the session were Mrs. Paul Ambort, Mrs. Kermit Cromack, Mrs. Pitner, Mrs. Fay L. Rockwell, and Mrs. Hirst, guests, and Mesdames Jack Mace, Randall Mathers, Charles Mathers, Frank Mathers, Fred Pilgrim, Maurice Pipkin, J. Gordon White, and Jack Wiech.

Setting For Event Festive

SAN BENITO—One of the especially attractive events of the early holiday season was the Christmas party arranged Thursday evening by Mrs. Elmer Morris at her home for members of her bridge club and their husbands. The rooms were in gala holiday adornment, an artistic Christmas tree emphasizing the festive note.

Awards for high score at bridge went to Mrs. L. W. Pratt and Tommy Cocke and Mrs. H. C. Aldridge received the bingo prize. Mrs. E. L. Barmore was presented with a gift in recognition of her birthday.

The tempting dessert course served when playing ended lent further accent to the seasonal theme.

Comical gifts were distributed to the guests with Mr. Morris enacting the role of Santa.

Members and guests included Messrs. and Mesdames George Campbell, Tommy Cocke, A. J. Moore, H. C. Massey, L. W. Pratt, and M. C. Aldridge, Mrs. E. L. Barmore, an dMrs. Tom Marchbanks.

Christmas Party Is Held By Club

McALLEN—The second year girls of the junior department of the First Methodist Church met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Kuhn for a Christmas party.

The decorations reflected the Christmas theme. A lighted tree on which hung gifts for all was the center of attraction. For entertainment the girls played games and sang Christmas carols.

Refreshments were served to Nancy Dougherty, Betty Clair Hooks, Betty Flo Landers, Shirley Joe Levens, Joyce Sergeant, Mary Etta Roe and Lois Jean Kuhn.

Dunkers Club Holds Pre-Christmas Meet

HARLINGEN — Christmas party held by the Dunkers Club, D.S., Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. E. O. Matz was one of the jolly affairs of the early holiday season. Mrs. Bob Strong was co-hostess.

Red roses on the mantel reflected the Christmas colors and a box of canned goods with Christmas cookies and candy was filled for a family the club is assisting.

An informal program was presented and gifts were exchanged around the Christmas tree. The group popped corn which was served with cookies and a fruit drink.

Guest Speaker

PHARR—Prof. Ohland Mortin, Ph.D., of Edinburg Junior College, will be guest speaker at the Christmas service at the Presbyterian Church in Pharr Sunday morning, December 22, according to announcements made by Rev. Thomas Joyner, retiring pastor.

Valley Beauties Named As Honorees For Dance

Fourteen Valley girls home from college will be feted as honorees for the Texas A. & M. Club's annual Christmas dance to be given Thursday night, December 26, at Miller's Grill. Honorees presented in the photos above are (top row, reading left to right) Miss Bernice Adkins, McAllen, Edinburg Junior College; Miss Leefe Brown, San Benito, Texas A. & I. College; Miss Fernne Willingham, Harlingen, Baylor University; Miss Barbara Ruth Green, Harlingen, University of Texas; Miss Dorothy Lloyd, Harlingen, Texas State College; and Miss Betty Bohner, San Benito, Principia College. Presented in the lower row (left to right) are Miss Isla Lou Carey, Harlingen, Brownsville Junior College, (Holbrook Studio); Miss Freddie Jackson, Harlingen, Southwestern, (A. Rogers Photo); Miss Helen Jean Russell, Brownsville, North Texas State Teachers College, (A. Rogers Photo); Miss Sally Sammons, Edcouch, South Dakota State College, (Wulf Studio); Miss Lucie Starr Grider, Brownsville, Incarnate Word, (A. Rogers Photo); and Miss Frances Huffman, Harlingen, Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Girls named as honorees not shown in the pictures are Miss Billie Faye Trammell, Harlingen, representing Hockaday School, and Miss Janet Kramer, Elsa, chosen to represent Southern Methodist University.

Joost Studio Pupils Give Program

BROWNSVILLE — Students of the Joost studio were presented in a recital Saturday evening at the home studio of Mrs. David Joost.

The program was opened with the singing of "Silent Night" by the students, standing outside the door, to the piano accompaniment of Patsy Faulk. At the close of the song, the students entered and were introduced by Mrs. Joost.

They were presented in a program consisting of piano solos, duets, trios and quartets, by the beginners department,. This was followed by the more advanced pupils in songs, readings and piano numbers.

Those taking part were Betty Hunter, Janet Elliott, Hazel Wallace, Doris Lee Jensen, Sandra Holzman, Martha Ruth Jackson, Pauline Bellings, John Lee, Gilbert Wallace, Corinne Russell, Theresa Zook, Patsy Faulk, Vernell Bellings, Audrey Barnes, and Beverly Elliott.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors and the season's motifs. The dining room where the punch was served by Mrs. Paul Bellings and Mrs. Harry Faulk, was especially attractive in green and silver.

Palmetal Club Holds Gay Holiday Meeting

HARLINGEN—Lovely handmade gifts were exchanged by members of the Palmetal Club Thursday in the home of Mrs. O. A. Cowart. Red and silver decorations were used throughout the rooms and a Christmas tree, brilliant with lights, was on the dining table with tall red candles adding their cheerful glow.

Young Richard Cowart acted as Santa Claus, distributing the gifts and Mrs. F. D. Healers brought toys for all children present.

Mrs. Carl Moore acted as president and gave out the yearbooks. The club voted to fine each member who failed to answer roll call correctly five cents.

A splendid Christmas program in charge of Mrs. S. B. Izard was presented.

Guests for the afternoon were Mesdames John White, Luther Wyrick, Mable Tucker, R. T. Callaway, and T. C. Nesmith.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Wyrick assisted the hostess in serving refreshments to 21 members and six children.

Next regular meeting, January 3, will be with Mrs. Callaway.

Santa Maria Girls Have Games Party

SANTA MARIA—The Santa Maria 4-H Club girls held a regular meeting Wednesday when singing of Christmas carols was a special feature. Games were enjoyed and gifts exchanged.

The club presented a gift of perfume to Miss Kathryn Richards, assistant home demonstration agent.

Delicious cake, candy and sandwiches were served with fruit juice.

McAllen Residents Go Many Places To Spend Christmas Holidays

McALLEN—To scores of City of Palms residents the Christmas holidays are providing the opportunity for the Yuletide to be spent in other places.

As many as are leaving McAllen for the holidays are being replaced by crowds who are coming home from schools and colleges throughout the state. Varied and informal parties are being planned to make the season an interesting one.

Among those who are gone away for the holidays are:

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thomas, who left Friday with their daughters to visit Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Donaldson at Tohako. They will return after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Buescher left Friday with their family to visit their mothers, Mrs. Emil Buescher and Mrs. M. Tansey of Smithville. They will return after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bonneau and daughters left Saturday morning for Wichita, Kans., where they will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hill. Mrs. G. D. Michaelson, Mrs. Bonneau's and Mrs. Hills' mother, will come from Venice, Calif., to spend the holidays with them in Kansas. They are due to return after New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McDonald left Saturday for various places. He will go to Tulsa to visit his son-in-law, daughter and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carlylye Stevens. Mrs. McDaniel will go to Henryetta, Okla., where she will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bell. Her father and brother of Fulton, Mo., will meet her there. Later both Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel will go to Durant, Okla., to visit Major and Mrs. Larry Savage.

Mrs. Orpha Doughtery and daughters and her mother, Mrs. W. Harding and niece, Miss Aileen Harding, left Saturday to spend the holidays at Prattsville, Ark., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harding. Mrs. W. Harding will remain in Arkansas while the others are expected home after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Catlett and daughters left Saturday morning for Okemah and Waleetka, Okla., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Board, and his mother, Mrs. H. B. Catlett. On their return trip to the valley the Catletts will stop at Dallas to attend the Cotton Bowl game.

Mrs. W. L. Sills left Saturday for Baytown to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Linnie Gillis will holiday at Center with her family.

Miss Cynthia Little left Friday for Texarkana to visit an aunt during the Christmas recess.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Weir and daughter and son will spend Christmas at Corpus Christi where they will be the guests of her brother, Frank McGee. A family reunion will be held on the holiday when 17 members of the family will be present. Mr. and Mrs. Marion McGee and daughters, Rosemary and Myrtle of San Marcos, will return here with the Weirs to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Cook and their family left Friday for Natchitoches, La., on their annual holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. H. A. Cook. Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. C. W. Terrill, will also be a guest at the Cook home.

McAllen W.B.A. Names New Officers

McALLEN—Adding another to the list of club's Christmas parties this season was the dinner given by Mrs. J. W. Martin to three guests and members of the Women's Benefit Association at her home Thursday evening.

Attention was centered on the lighted Christmas tree in the living room. Colorful packages surrounded the tree. Everywhere were bouquets of poinsettias.

Election of officers for the coming year took place during the short business session which followed the dinner. Elected were president, Mrs. J. H. Williamson; vice president, Mrs. J. C. Ziebell; recording secretary, Mrs. J. S. Martin and treasurer, Mrs. I. M. Cronk.

Mrs. Porter Hostess To Bridge Unit

BROWNSVILLE—Members of the Wednesday Tournament Bridge club were entertained at a Christmas party when Mrs. Dean Porter was hostess at her home.

Members were seated for luncheon at one long table which was pretty with poinsettias and miniature Santa Clauses.

Feature of the decoration in the living room was the Christmas tree from which the gifts for the members were distributed.

In the games of bridge, Mrs. Walter M. Galloway was high.

Attending were one guest, Mrs. E. C. Sams of New Rochelle, New York, and Mesdames Milton E. Wentz, Robin M. Pate, Larry Lightner, H. C. Kristofferson, P. K. McNair, James L. Rentfro, Robert M. Duffey, Albert Terrazas, James A. Maxwell, Jr., Fay L. Rockwell, and O. J. Studeman.

Guests Of Mother

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. J. F. DeBardeleben and family of Washington, D. C., have arrived for a visit in the home of their mother, Mrs. Chester H. DeBardelben.

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Trio Hostess To Club At Yule Party

Brownsville Study Club Entertained

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. R. R. Fife, Mrs. B. B. McDonald, and Mrs. L. A. Bauer, Jr., formed the hostess group at the Thursday afternoon Christmas party of the Brownsville Study Club. The event was held at the home of Mrs. Fife, and was one of the prettiest club events of the year.

A Christmas tree, laden with gifts for the exchange among the members was one of the features of the decorative motif. Poinsettias were arranged prettily on the piano, and on the mantelpiece was a miniature Christmas scene.

Mrs. Sam L. Lockwood gave for the program feature a Christmas story, Star in the East. The members sang Christmas carols. Acting as Santa Claus for the distribution of gifts was Mrs. L. A. Bauer, Jr., who also presided at the tea table during the refreshment hour. The poinsettias were used as a centerpiece for the table, and the tea dainties carried out the traditional red and green.

Attending were Mesdames W. M. Coleman, J. Harrison Diltz, Harry L. Faulk, Robert E. Green, Sam D. Houghston, Herman B. Jeffery, Sam L. Lockwood, R. A. McKee, C. L. Parnell, W. M. Stovall, J. A. Walker, Joe Wheeler, L. A. Bauer, Jr., and Ted Hunt.

The next meeting will be held January 2 with Mrs. Faulk.

Women's Council Present Playlet

McALLEN—An interesting playlet, "In Times Like These," was presented last week at First Christian Church services by members of the Women's Council.

Taking part in the play were Mrs. Ice, Mrs. Maude Tiberghien, Mrs. Leonard Irving, Mrs. Jim Day and Leroy Bormann. Mrs. H. C. Bohannon read the scripture; Mrs. F. E. Rochelle presented a stewardship talk; and Mrs. H. J. Howard sang a solo on the program preceding the play.

Mrs. Eunice Parker Honoree For Shower

HARLINGEN—Miss Laura O'Dell was hostess for a delightful holiday event Thursday at her home on Orange Heights road when a shower was given to honor Mrs. Eunice Parker. The shower was presented in the fashion of gifts from a Christmas tree and a brilliantly decorated tree was the central note for effective holiday decoration of the home.

Refreshments noting the Christmas idea were served to about 38 guests.

Coming For Holidays

HARLINGEN—Miss Wanda Lynn Powell, was to arrive at the weekend to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Powell, 521 E. Tyler. Miss Powell is a student at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio.

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Sweetheart

Miss Marion George of Weslaco has been named Sweetheart of the Weslaco high school unit of the Future Farmers of America.

Social Club Gathers For Yule Party

BROWNSVILLE — Members of El Jardin Heights Social club gathered Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Pinkley for the annual Christmas party.

The members tied a comforter, the second of two to be given to charity.

There was an exchange of gifts among the members as a feature of the affair.

The hostess had decorated her home prettily with arrangements of the Mexican pepper. She served a delightful refreshment course.

Attending the meeting were Mesdames Louis Rank, George Wahl, Wilbur Dickenson, Louise Demieville, J. M. Davis, J. M. George, Guy Sutter, Alexander Loos, and W. B. Mather, members, and Mrs. W. J. Johnston of Misswa, Minnesota, a guest.

Visit Hofheinz

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Paulus Hofheinz are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hofheinz. The pair leaves Saturday for Monterrey for a short visit after which they will return to Brownsville for the holidays.

EDCOUCH—Mildred Smith will leave this week-end for San Antonio where she plans to spend all of the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will join her on Christmas Day just for the day.

Bride-Elect Is Honoree For Luncheon

Marriage Rites To Be New Year's

McALLEN—For Miss Sarah Chidlow of McAllen, whose marriage to Chester S. Davis of Washington, D. C., will inaugurate the new year, another delightful party was given Saturday at noon.

Mrs. George McCullough of Pharr, entertained for the dainty bride-elect with a luncheon whose personnel was limited to the honored guest's intimate friends.

The luncheon table presented a festive springtime appearance with its decorations of pink roses. Dainty bouquets were held in two large pale pink shell-shaped vases on a reflector mirror. Here and there about the arrangement were tiny vases of the same shape holding single roses.

Guests included Mrs. T. J. Chidlow, the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Leland McCullough of Pharr, Mrs. Homer Gunn, Mrs. Walter K. Campbell; and Misses Mary Ann Wall, Rubye Maddux, Jerry Ferguson, Daisy Ellen Polk, Betty Burkhart, Margaret Hogan, Cathryne Melton, Lucille Montgomery, with Miss Jane McCullough and Mrs. John McCullough, visiting here from Houston.

Miss Chidlow's marriage will be solemnized January first at 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church at Pharr.

Wisconsin Guest

BROWNSVILLE — Harvey Hannah of Wisconsin is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hannah for the holidays.

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Christmas music so far has been almost entirely the sacred hymns, classics, and folk songs.

Little of the rollicking melodies, featured at other seasons, is included in the programs for chorales, vespers, and concerts that are furnishing Valleyites with more and better homemade music than at any other Christmastide.

Climax to the festival of Christmas music and probably the most outstanding will be the Twelfth Night pageant and music observance to be presented at the Sheldon Ranch West of Mission, January 6.

The event, based on an ancient custom commemorating the birth of Christ, is to be sponsored by the Eighth District of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

PRESENTATION of pastorales was a Christmas custom among Spanish-speaking citizens of the Lower Rio Grande Valley in recent years, Mrs. Walter G. Weaver, Donna, has reported.

Most travelers in Mexico during the Christmas season have witnessed the religious pageant along with others less religious, although closely related to The Nativity.

Mrs. Weaver has stated that the ancient mystery play of the Fall and Atonement was enacted in East Donna as recently as 1937.

INDICATIVE of this year's more serious attitude toward Christmas is the exceptionally large number of persons active in filling baskets, supplying clothing, or other needs as well as gifts to the unfortunate.

And, unfortunately, there appears to be considerably more families needing just such aid this year.

Welfare work in some form has been a major objective, with the majority of organizations in the Valley.

One of the most indefatigable volunteer workers in the interest of underprivileged children is Mrs. Marie Grapperhaus who often spends entire days assisting with programs for benefiting school children.

DRAMATIZING of flowers in connection with Christmas lighting is a noticeable trend in outside decoration of several homes of gardeners.

The red bougainvillea, particularly, lends itself to artistic combination with Christmas lights. Poinsettias, because they are low-growing, are more difficult to handle.

MRS. G. W. Johnson, Brownsville, who has been quoted in this column before, has reported to garden club members that California's poinsettias cannot compare with the superb color and size of the Valley's Christmas blooms.

She thinks that poinsettias should be far more widely planted here and states that in California vacant lots are made beautiful by blossoming shrubs and smooth-cropped lawns.

SEARCH FOR a small Santa Claus figure failed to reveal a single jolly figure made in the United States.

So, silver bells, or maybe a sprig of mistletoe will fill the space reserved for St. Nick on our Christmas packages.

If you've come to admire the native turk's cap, which has been literally loaded with the fat, red pumpkin-like fruits since November, plant the seeds instead of using them for Christmas decoration.

The plants are much easier to obtain from ripened seed than from cuttings and may be more readily trained to desired growth.

ABOUT THE busiest co-ed home for the holidays is Florence Ellen Cowgill of San Benito.

On vacation from music classes at Boulder, Colorado, Florence Ellen is getting a "policeman's holiday" by singing solos at luncheons or special meetings every day and sometimes more often.

TWIN CAUSES for anxiety with Christmas at hand are fear that our radio may grind out a swing version of "Silent Night" and that carol singing may be considered unfair to the musicians union.

Pair Departs

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. W. B. Mather of El Jardin, and Miss Sally Box of Olmito departed Saturday morning by motor for LaTuma, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mather's daughter, Mrs. Clarence H. Dreasher, and Mr. Dreasher. The two plan to return to their homes after the first of the year.

Barrons Go

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. John F. Barron and small daughter, Marilyn, departed Friday for Fort Worth where Mr. Barron will attend an executive committee meeting of the State Teacher association. Later they will go to Runge to spend the holidays with Mrs. Barron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Dickey.

Services Planned

EDCOUCH—The various churches of the town plan to present some kind of Christmas program but plans were not available as the paper went to press other than that of the local Methodist church who plan to have a vocal and instrumental program under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Shepherd and with the young people taking part at the evening service.

ARRIVE FOR HOLIDAYS

SAN JUAN — Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Martin of Bryan, arrived Tuesday, to spend the holidays in the home of Mr. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Martin.

Days Of Yore Luncheon Is Social Event

McALLEN—Entertainment in the old-fashioned way was the unique feature of the luncheon given by Mrs. A. J. Campbell Thursday at her home. The guests were all dressed in old-fashioned dresses dating many years back.

On the buffet in the dining room there was a miniature living room as of the long ago. In this was a miniature Christmas tree decorated with many ornaments that has been in the family for years. Around the setting were placed gifts for everyone.

Those attending were Mesdames N. E. Buescher, A. L. Hart, D. C. Perkins, Gordon Brown of Weslaco, Anna Jo Jones, Charles Holland, Dick Moore, J. R. Russell and J. D. Lauck of Pharr.

Juniors Name New Officers

HARLINGEN — Officers were elected when the Junior Legion Auxiliary met Wednesday night at the home of Mary Collier. They are: Betty Lou Tatroe, president; and Mary Collier, vice president.

During the social hour refreshments were served.

A special guest was Mrs. Robert Roberson of San Antonio who told about the Veterans' Hospital in El Paso. She emphasized the appreciation the former service men show for any gifts or consideration.

Instead of their usual gift exchange, the Junior Auxiliary will send gifts to the hospital. Each is to take her gift to the next meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Collver on the Rio Hondo Road Wednesday, January 10, at 4 p.m.

JUNIOR B. T. S. HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Junior B. T. S. of the First Baptist Church was entertained with a merry Christmas party at the church Thursday evening with their leaders and sponsor, Mrs. Gus Fry, L. A. Wilson, and Mrs. C. A. Brierly, as hosts.

The Christmas motif was carried out in room decoration and the program featured carols and games. The Christmas story was read by Mrs. Brierly and prayer was given by Mrs. Fry.

Gifts were exchanged and punch and cookies served to 29.

Christmas Vespers Slated In Mission

MISSION—Senior and junior choirs of the First Presbyterian Church will present a Christmas Vesper service Sunday night at the church at 7 o'clock, announcements by the pastor, Rev. A. T. Dyal, revealed this week. At the morning worship hour, the pastor's sermon topic will be "Why Was Christ Born of Man?" Christmas music will be presented by the choir, including the prelude, Nazareth, by Gounod; the offertory, Schubert's Serenade; an anthem, Sing, Oh Heaven, by Tours; and the postlude, Grand Chorus by Lemaigre. Mrs. T. E. Wiedemann, choir director, will be assisted by Mrs. Hugh C. Proctor at the organ.

Class At Combes Guests For Party

COMBES—Mrs. Ray Hollida was hostess to her Sunday school class Monday with a taco supper and Christmas party.

Afterward the group went to the Baptist Church where they rehearsed for the Christmas program to be given Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Attending were the Misses Bertie Lee Bryant, Sunshine Gillespie, Bernice Haynes, Henrietta Richards, Francis Kilbourne, Eudene Haynes, Dorothy Thompson, Ruby Sibley, Beulah Thompson, Thelma Bell, Vera Belle Weaver, Verda Nell Weaver, Bettie Jo Weaver, Lorna Lamon, and Clarence Ray Holliday.

View Stage Show

SAN JUAN — The mothers and children of San Juan who attended the children's theatre in Harlingen Tuesday were: Mesdames Paul Reichert, Fred Davis, R. E. Williams, W. A. DeMange, E. A. Reichert, and Miss Doris Ewing. Glenn, Wilma Lois, Tommy, Lynette and Shirley Reichert, Margaret, J. C., and Mairlynn Motley, Bobby Demen, Harry and Jerry Harrison, Jane Ellen Mellenbruch, Ruth Rinkle, Barbara Ann Cramer, Teddy Fleck, Jerry and Jimmy Davis, Rita Jean Eggum, Jo Ann Stugard, Bonnie Lou Smith, and Suzanne Hall.

Gaymans Visit

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fricks have as their guests for the holidays, their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Gayman, Jr., and Mr. Gayman, and their infant son of San Antonio. Mrs. Fricks, who was with her daughter in San Antonio for the birth of the latter's son, November 26, returned to Brownsville with the San Antonio pair.

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Engagement Is Told

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Taormina of Donna and New Orleans announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Josephine, to Charles Messina of New Orleans. The marriage will be an event of late January. Many parties are already being planned for the popular bride-elect, the first of the series to be a luncheon at Casa de Palmas in McAllen. (Edrington Studio.)

Festive Event Is Party For Club Children

HARLINGEN—Exciting for both the young guests and their mothers was the gay Christmas party arranged Thursday by the Child Study Club for the children of members at the home of Mrs. A. H. Goldammer. The rooms were festive with Christmas flowers and colors while the glittering tree dominated the pretty scene.

Gifts for the children were taken from the tree by Santa and carols were sung by the group.

Most impressive was the Christmas story beautifully told by Mrs. Watler G. Maloan.

Refreshments expressive of the holiday season were served.

Christmas Party Held By O.E.S.

DONNA—The Christmas party of Donna Chapter 644, O.E.S., Tuesday evening featured carols led by Mrs. McAllister Price and the story of Christmas in the Castle told by Miss Polly Traux.

Each station was beautifully decorated with miniature Christmas trees, tinsel and properly tinted balls. The officers wore colorful evening frocks and the heap of gaily wrapped parcels for the inmates of the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, added cheery notes.

FROM MIRANDO CITY

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Robert Goode of Mirando City is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cowart, and Mrs. Goode's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Goode of San Benito. Mrs. Goode will arrive to spend Christmas Day.

Immigration into Hawaii, except for citizens from the American mainland, virtually has ceased.

J. C. Maxwells, Students To Arrive For Holidays

BROWNSVILLE—Arriving Monday will be Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Maxwell of Fort Worth, who will spend the holidays with Mrs. Maxwell's sister, Mrs. W. W. Ely, and Mrs. J. Earle Magill, Mr. Ely and Mr. Magill.

Accompanying the pair will be Miss Jeanne Magill, who has been attending Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York; Jimmy Magill, a student at New Mexico Military Institute, in Rosewell; Miss Mary Jane Ely, student at Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth; and Joe Kennedy, college student at Norman, Oklahoma.

McNairs Home

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McNair, and small daughter, Nancy, have returned from a month's stay away. They were guests of Mr. McNair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McNair, in Aiken, South Carolina, and of Mrs. McNair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Faust, in Augusta, Georgia. They returned by way of North Carolina and Tennessee.

To Kansas City

BROWNSVILLE — Fred B. Wagner planned to depart at the weekend for Kansas City, Missouri where he will join his wife and small son for a holiday visit with Mrs. Wagner's mother, Mrs. Elbert E. Smith. Mr. Wagner plans to return in about a week.

FROM OKLAHOMA

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Barbara Pendleton will arrive the first of next week from Tahlequah, Oklahoma where she is a student at the Teachers College. She will spend the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil W. Samuel.

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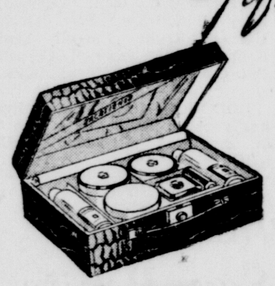

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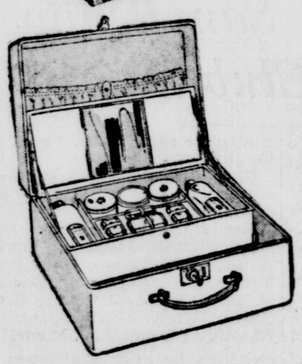

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Socialites Assemble For Luncheon

McALLEN — Smartest among the pre-Christmas parties in McAllen was the luncheon for which Mrs. Earl Baldridge was hostess at the Casa de Palmas Hotel Thursday.

The green of the organdy tablecloths with their centerpieces of red gladioli symbolized prettily the theme of the Christmas time. It was further expressed by placecards bearing holiday motifs.

High prize in the bridge games was won by Mrs. Clyde Hollon with Mrs. C. A. Winn taking bingo. The floating prize was won by Mrs. T. E. Vessels.

Guests included Mrs. Vessels, Mr. J. V. Carpenter, Mrs. John Lomax, Mrs. H. H. Damme, Mrs. J. P. King, Mrs. Hollon.

Mrs. R. L. Marston, Mrs. Dick Harris, Mrs. F. O. Swan, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. C. R. Nichols, Mrs. W. E. Crawford, Mrs. Lee Smith, Mrs. Jack Parker, Mrs. W. J. Carter, Mrs. R. F. Millar, Mrs. J. K. Boettger, Mrs. Bredo Christensen of Weslaco and Mrs J. G. Roberts.

Mrs. T. B. Hoffer and Mrs. Ben King of Edinburg were luncheon guests.

Alatheans Enjoy Party

HARLINGEN — The home of Mrs. D. B. Dunkin in Finwood Heights was in pretty Christmas attire Wednesday for the annual Christmas party for the Alathean Class of the First Methodist church. A sparkling Christmas tree held principal interest with red roses and red poinsettias affording pleasing color.

The program had for its highlight the Christmas story, "The Return of the Magi" by Manuel Komroff, which was superbly told by Mrs. Dan Murphy.

Accordion solos by Dorothy Ann Achilles included "Silent Night." David Ormesher led the group in singing and David Dague played violin solos.

In the dining room the table, laid with a white Madeira cloth, had red roses and poinsettias for centerpiece and was lighted by tall red tapers. Coffee and Christmas cookies were served.

Guests exchanged Christmas gifts and each also brought a gift for the Negro Methodist church.

Special guests were associate members who teach in the Sunday School and Mrs. P. M. Carraway, wife of the pastor.

The class presented the teacher, David L. Ormesher, with an appropriate Christmas gift.

Goes To Humble

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. G. S. Stell departed Thursday evening for Humble where she will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Herron, and Mr. Herron. She accompanied Miss Lucille Skinner who was en route to Columbus, called by the death of her mother.

Schmidts Depart

BROWNSVILLE—Departing Saturday morning for Dallas where they will spend the holidays were Mrs. Fritz J. Schmidt and her son and daughter, Freddy and Courtney. They will be guests of their brother and uncle, R. C. King, and Mrs. King.

Trio Hostess To Club

Hostesses at another of the enjoyable club Christmas parties this week in Brownsville are shown above. They are, left to right, Mrs. Harold R. McKay, Mrs. Maurice J. Tipton, and Mrs. A. V. Smith. The trio was hostess to members of the Wednesday Study Club at the McKay home.

Rehearsal Dinner Honors La Feria Bridal Party

LA FERIA—Members of the bridal party for the wedding of Miss Gwendolyn Anderson and Osborne M. Little, Weslaco, were honored with a six o'clock dinner given Saturday evening by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Anderson.

Marriage of the well-known couple will take place Sunday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church.

Rehearsal for the wedding ceremony was held after the smartly appointed three-course dinner was served.

Centerpiece for the table featured the bridal theme in white blowers with a torch of the season's colors being introduced by the use of red tapers in white holders.

Personnel for the event were the betrothed couple and Miss Marvis Anderson, Miss Martha Vernon Robinson, Donna; Buck Henson, Donna, and Darrell Anderson, McAllen.

Hudson Girl Home

BROWNSVILLE — Arriving Saturday morning from Natick, Massachusetts to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Hubert R. Hudson was Caroline Hudson. Caroline is a student at the Walnut Hill school in Natick.

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Suttons Hosts For Party Event

BROWNSVILLE — One of the delightful pre-holiday parties was the dinner and bridge at which Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Sutton were hosts Thursday evening at El Jardin hotel.

Guests were seated at a large, U-shaped table which was pretty with its arrangements of poinsettias and lighted red tapers.

Games of bridge were enjoyed following dinner. High score was made by Mrs. W. E. McDavitt and A. K. Black.

Included in the guest list were about fifty from Brownsville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sams of New Rochelle, New York.

To Visit Daughters

MISSION — Mrs. E. M. Douthit of Lueders, has arrived for an extended visit with her three daughters, Mrs. Murray Long of Sullivan City; Mrs. Charles Reagan, McAllen; and Mrs. W. T. Barbee, Weslaco.

TO SPEND HOLIDAYS

WESLACO—Miss Jane Omo who is attending T.S.C.W. at Denton for her second year will arrive in Weslaco Sunday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Omo.

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SACRED CANTATA SET SUNDAY NIGHT

A sacred cantata, "The King of Kings" by Dr. J. B. Herbert will be presented at the offering of the South Mission Methodist church for their annual Christmas music program, Sunday night at 7 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Adolfo de la Garza will direct the choir and Miss Elena Barrera will be at the piano. The pastor, Rev. Josue Gonzales, will assist.

MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

MISSION — Solemn high mass will be read at 12 o'clock midnight at the St. Paul's Catholic church, Christmas Eve, December 24, it was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Emil Platte, O. M. I. Preceding the mass, the choir will sing Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Mary Schmitt. Altar boys for the service will be Walter Volz, Jimmie Rome, Herbert Melch, Paul Seitz, Gene Dondlinger, and Clifford Achee.

Christmas morning, low mass will be read at 7:30 and high mass at 9:30 o'clock.

Special Music Sunday Night

RAYMONDVILLE—The program of music to be given at the Methodist church on Sunday evening at 7:30 will include:

"Comfort Ye My People;" "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," from Handel's Messiah, sung by Grady Whittle of Lyford.

Choruses from "The Infant King," Ira B. Wilson; "Mine Eyes Shall See the King," soprano obbligato; "There Shall Come a Star," Mrs. Charles Barnett; "Pilgrims of the Night," soprano solo, Miss Marian Shrader.

"The Star and the Song," Women's chorus.

Offertory, "Jesu Bambino," Yon; "Bagpipe Carol" from the Polish.

Sextette, "Christmas Bells," Liddell, by Mesdames Frederick Humphrey, F. E. Fisher, Earl Gilliland, Ruth Coole, Harvey Beis and G. E. Bennack; chorus, "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord;" organ and piano, "Grand Aria," Demarest, by Mrs. B. S. Wright and Mrs. C. E. Crowell.

Morning service in the Methodist church will be at 10:50. The Reverend Charles T. Hardt has chosen for the subject of his sermon "Sounds of Christmas Time." The choir will sing "Shepherds' Story," a carol recently translated from the Polish.

Mrs. B. S. Wright is organist and Mrs. Ruth M. Coole, choir director.

Special Music In Weslaco

WESLACO—Special music is being planned for both services at the Methodist church Sunday, December 22, commemorating the Christmas story.

At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. J. A. Medley, Jr., director, announces a combined choir of the junior and senior groups will sing Christmas carols.

Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill of San Benito will be the guest soloist and Mrs. E. A. Davis, Harlingen, will present as the special feature Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

During the morning service with the pastor Rev. Bishop having as the theme "No room in the Inn," special musical selections will include a quartet composed of Mrs. D. E. Ransom, Mrs. J. A. Medley, Jr., Mr. Ransom and Merlin Marshall, with Donald Fleming as soloist.

Santa Motif For Party

LOS FRESNOS — Miss Geneva Palmer was hostess at a delightful party on Friday afternoon, December 20, honoring the tenth birthday of her niece, Shirley Ann Oliver.

The Christmas theme was noted in the decorations of the home. The dining room was centered by a pair of red Santa Claus boots and poinsettias. Favors were Santa's boots. The guests were entertained by games and a song was dedicated to the honoree in a radio hour.

Guests included Marjorie Hinkley, Grover and Frank Greer, Marilois Barr, Noelda and Moan Ryall, Helen Grabowski, Billie Joyce Pederson, Lucila Hernandez, Patsy and Anna Mae Sanders, William Lee Moses, Lynette and Alda Mae Brown of San Benito, Bryan Finley of San Benito, Maude and Leta Mae Jennings, Mrs. E. A. Oliver, Mrs. Hall Palmer, Mrs. W. B. Palmer, Mrs. G. C. Parrish, Mrs. Leon Hinkley, Mrs. Grover Greer and Miss Vera Ely.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

LOS FRESNOS — Paul Pederson returned Tuesday from Abilene Christian College to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Pederson

Memory Is Honored

Sunday afternoon at Combes, a flower park is to be dedicated to the memory of the late Susan E. Wetmore at the Combes Methodist Church where she was a loyal and faithful member. The Rev. A. C. Bell, pastor, will be in charge of the dedication service. Mrs. Wetmore was the mother of Mrs. W. Q. Adams, well-known Combes resident, and at present president of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society. (Holbrook Studio.)

Vesper Organ Recital Will Be Given Sunday

HARLINGEN — Second annual vesper organ recital, a Christmas custom inaugurated last year by Miss Virginia Perry, organist, will be held Sunday at five o'clock in the First Methodist church. The music, depicting Christmas carols and tone poems of Christmas scenes from nine different nations, will be done entirely by candlelight.

The concert was planned to satisfy the need many feel at Christmastime for music expressive of the message of the Nativity, Miss Perry has explained. By request she is repeating a considerable portion of the program she played in her pre-Christmas recital last year.. The program includes:

"A Christmas Fantasy" (Antioch) H. A. Norris. "Antioch," sung to the words, "Joy to the World," is said to be arranged from Handel's "Messiah."

"Carillons of Poland," a famous old chime carol, is arranged for organ in this recital. The chimes are the exact tones played on the famous carillon in the cathedral at Warsaw.

"Christmas Snows of Sweden," Harvey Gaul, develops the theme, "Come, Christmas snow, blot out a world of loathesome sin."

"Noel: With Variations," Robert L. Biddle, commemorates the custon in French provinces when the Towncrier is accompanied by musicians playing oboes and flutes. Windows fly open and each household joins the carol, "Noel! Noel!"

"A Carpenter is Born," Garth Edmundson, a modern composer, is typically American and is the second movement from the "Apostolic Symphony."

"Il Natale in Silicia," by Pietro Yon composer of the much loved "Gesu Bambino," represents bells in the distance and the native bagpipes of Sicily.

"The Christmas Pipes of County Clare," Gaul, is an old Irish tune and is used in procession with flutes, oboes, and pipes.

"The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre," Alexander Russell, is one of four tone poems, and was inspired by the chimes of the church in Canada, gathering of the faithful, chanting of the choir, and other details of service ending with bells in the distance.

"Christmas Pastorale," F. Flaxington Harker, was written in 1918 and known as "Silent Night," probably has become the world's favorite Christmas carol.

Throng Hears Sacred Music Of Christmas

SAN BENITO—Despite the steady rain, listeners packed the high school auditorium Tuesday evening for the concert of Christmas music featuring the San Benito Choral club and guest musicians, Mrs. James D. Ward and Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill, soloists; Louis Valle, violinist, and Robert K. Reed, organist. W. Edward Hatchett was director.

Reverent joy was the dominant note of the Christmas music, presented with exceptional finish and beauty and the impression of the sacred aspect of Christmas was enhanced for the audience by a series of tableaus staged in a Gothic niche at the end of the stage. Each group of figures dramatized the underlying theme of the Christmas hymns, and the richness and picturesqueness of their costumes was emphasized in contrast by the simple white choir robes worn by the 80 singers.

The tableaus were arranged by Miss Martha Ann Swafford and costuming was by Miss Viola Prentiss.

Especially well done among the choral numbers were "The First Noel" followed by Mrs. Ward's singing of "Cantique de Noel," a number that added much to the concert.

Particular interest centered upon Miss Cowgill, a music student at the University of Colorado since she was soloist for the choral club directed by Mr. Hatchett when she was a San Benito high school student.

Her first solo, Schubert's "Ave Maria," swept a responsive wave over the hushed auditorium, but it was excelled by her presentation of "O, Come and Adore Him," with violin obbligato, a number that for many was the highlight of the entire concert.

Nativity Pageant To Be Given Sunday

LOS FRESNOS — The young people of the Baptist Church will present the Nativity at the church on Sunday evening at 7:45. Other features of the evening will be a Christmas tree and observance of "White Christmas" for the benefit of the Buckner Orphan's Home at Dallas.

Meet Postponed To Visit In Austin

HARLINGEN — Postponement of the quarterly meeting of the City Federation of Missionary Societies until some time in January has been announced. Regular meeting date would have been December 31.

Presbyterian Service To Stress Music

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Phil G. King and Mrs. Jack Grimm will sing "The Birthday of a King" by Neidlinger-Deis at the 11 o'clock hour of worship Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian Church. At the same service the choir under the leadership of William C. Black will sing "That Glorious Christmas Morn" by F. Lester Price, with the incidental solo part being taken by Mrs. Henry Carlisle.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes playing the organ, and Mr. Sol Zimberoff the violin, and the choir will use "Festival Prelude" for the prelude and introit. For the offertory Miss Challes will play "Silent Night" arranged by Clarence Kohlmann and for the postlude she will play "Christmas Bells" by Wallace Johnson.

"Emmanuel" will be the subject of the pastor's sermon Sunday morning.

Sunday evening at 6:45 the senior young people and the pioneer departments of the Church will present the Christmas pageant "Abide With Us."

Monday evening at 7:30 the Sunday school and Church will have a Christmas party. On Tuesday night this Church will have a Christmas Eve service. This will begin at 11 o'clock.

Concert Set Sunday Night

SAN JUAN — A choir of 33 voices will present the annual program of Christmas music at the People's Church of San Juan, Sunday night at 7:30. The choir is under the direction of Miss Doris Ewing, with Mrs. A. B. Cron as pianist. The program follows:

Processional: "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful."

"Shepherds' Story,' Mrs. Paul Hetrick, Bryan Harris, Jerry Stugard.

"Holy Season"—Croatian Carol. Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Mrs. John Spencer, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"—Choir.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" —Choir. Selections by Junior High School Sextette

"Contique de Noel"—Adma. Mrs. Paul Hetrick.

"We, Three Kings."—Bryan Harris, R. E. Williams, Jerry Stugard.

"Gloria" by Mozart—Choir.

"The First Noel," Mrs. C. M. Harris, Mrs. Banks Miller, Bryan Harris, J. C. Doedyns.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," Mrs. C. M. Harris.

"Silent Night"—Choir.

"Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel—Choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service. Members are asked to bring a gift of food for the Community Christmas Chest, wrapped in white paper.

Teachers Go For Holidays

LOS FRESNOS — With the closing of school Friday for a two weeks holiday the teachers will depart for various destinations.

Leaving during Friday are Mrs. Mary Rose and Miss Juanita Riney to Denton, Nolan C. Hatcher to Texarkana, Norman Sommer to La Feria, Miss Evelyn Page to Waco, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Parrish to San Juan, San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Chastain to Brownwood and Waco, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kraner to Wichita Falls, Miss Syble Beachum to Raymondville, Miss Doyce Greer to Vernon, Miss Jane Martin Kirkpatrick to Sinton, Miss Vera Ely to Merkel, Miss Katheryn Holt to Center and Miss Aline Goates to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Remaining in Los Fresnos are Mrs. Hall Palmer, Miss Evon Shankle, and Mrs. Martha Canfield.

Recent Rites Read For Valley Couple

SAN JUAN — Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Frances Dowling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dowling of Donna, and Sam J. Davis of San Juan. The ceremony was read Saturday, Dec. 14, in the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Carrie Lou Dolsen, in San Juan.

The Rev. Clement E. Lewis officiated.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held and refreshments were served.

Guests were Dorothy Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hein, Jr., and little son, Bobby, Charley Crawford, Glen Hein and the groom's sister, Mrs. Dolsen.

The couple will reside in San Juan.

Event Given For Husbands

LA FERIA — Twenty members and their husbands and several guests shared in the annual Christmas party arranged by La Feria Home Demonstration club merbers this week to honor their husbands. Present in addition to members and their husbands were:

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ford. Mrs. Mittie Flentge, Miss Verna Flentge, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Roland, Miss Lucile Wessels, Mrs. A. R. Marche, Mrs. E. W. Walk, Mrs. John R. Davis, Mrs. H. D. Wessels, Mrs. J. O. Durham, and Mrs. A. C. Herren, members of the social committee, are hostesses.

An elaborate turkey dinner was served buffet style.

The tables were decorated with low bowls of poinsettias.

Mrs. Ray Foncannon, president, welcomed the group.

After the menu, a program was presented with Mrs. J. K. Collins in charge. Group singing of carols was enjoyed and a talk by O. O. Butcher on "The Origin of Santa Claus."

Mrs. Hugh Davis and Mrs. E. B. George were in charge of the gift exchange which afforded special interest.

Progreso Girls Club Enjoys Candy Making

PROGRESO—Candy-making was carried out when the Progreso Girls 4-H club met Saturday at the home of Barbara Shull. Miss Marie Miller, home demonstration agent, directed the candy-making.

Plans were made for the next meeting and games were played.

After a gift exchange, refreshments were served.

Present were Barbara and Dorothy Shull, Margaret Kenan, Dorothy Mullins, Murlene Jones, Hazel Reimenscheider, Naomi and Evelyn Card, Ginger Rupert, Evelyn Curtis, Harriet Boise, Verna Mae Purl.

Church Of Epiphany Announces Services For Coming Week

RAYMONDVILLE — Services scheduled as Christmas observance have been announced by Rev. Robert A. Martin, pastor, for the Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal) as follows:

Services for December 22nd. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion with sermon, 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Vespers 8 p.m.

Christmas Day the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The three Holy Days following Christmas, St. Stephen's Day, St. John Evangelist Day and Holy Innocents will be observed with one service on Friday the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Pageant To Be Feature Of Service

RAYMONDVILLE — A special Christmas program will be presented at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 7 p. m.

The pageant "Abide With Us," by Joseph M. Garrison will be presented: Readers, Mrs. Rollie D. Smith and Mrs. E. E. Baden; Wise Men, Fred Stephens, Howard Lewis and Gene Reagan. Vested choir personnel includes Jo Del Keepers, Polly Burgeson, Cecilia Yeargan, Ethel Chambers, Margaret Meredith, Ruth McElroy, Jacqueline Boyle, Joyce Stephens and Billy McCharen, Burlyn Elders, Lester Elders, A. C. Burgeson, Blake Wilson, Edwin Becka, Wesley Lewis. Angels, Frances Davis, Charlene Reagan, Peggy Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chambers are decorators for the church; Mrs. E. E. Baden is program chairman, and Mrs. M. C. Yeargan choir director, accompanied by Mrs. S. E. Reed.

Following the service Santa Claus will visit the children of the church school in a special little assembly. And afterwards a group of members from the senior and intermediate departments will sing carols over town, accompanied by woodwind instruments.

The pageant, "Abide With Us," was written by a classmate of Mr. Yeargan's at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Morning service at the Presbyterian church will be at 11 o'clock. The Reverend M. C. Yeargan has chosen for his theme for the morning address "Christ Revealing God to Us."

A box for gifts for the needy will be placed in the vestibule.

Child Health Topic For Dorcas Society

SAN JUAN — Members of the Dorcas Society met for missionary study Thursday afternoon at the People's church. Mrs. J. Beaty Smith gave the devotional.

Mrs. C. M. Harris sang "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Paul Hetrick. Mrs. Armour Moore was appointed by the president, Mrs. W. A. DeMange, to succeed Mrs. O. H. Stugard as mission chairman.

The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Nanna Smith county nurse who spoke on the "Well baby conference" at the close of Mesdames Lee M. Green, Banks L. Miller, T. E. Thompson and Ray Fraim served cake topped with whipped cream and coffee.

Fireman's Auxiliary Has Jolly Evening

DONNA — Mr. and Mrs. George Ray entertained the Donna Volunteer Fire Department and the Auxiliary Wednesday evening with an unusually gay Christmas party. A beautifully illuminated tree dominated the living room and poinsettias were used about the home. The lace laid table was also adorned with tall, burning red and green candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Jay Seiver, president of the Auxiliary, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leadbetter received the guests at the door and later served the delicious sandwiches and coffee, punch and Christmas cookies.

Mrs. Guy Ennis was in charge of the games that occupied the evening until time for the exchange of gifts among the twenty-six adults present. For the eleven children there were especially planned gifts under the tree.

FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

DONNA — Chilton Stevens of Corpus Christi arrived in Donna on Thursday to visit Walter G. Weaver.

Christmas Cantata Set Sunday Night

RAYMONDVILLE — The Baptist church on Sunday at 7:45 p. m. will present the beautiful Christmas cantata, "The Nativity Song," by Roy E. Nolte, with Stanley Addington directing and Mrs. A. T. Harper at the piano.

Soloists include: Miss Annie Lee Hatchitt, T. E. Halpin, Miss Marjorie Wilson and Mrs. Leland Miller.

Choir personnel includes: Sopranos, Mesdames T. E. Halpin, R. E. Manning, Leland Miller, H. C. Cowart, Earl Spinks, Perry Holder, Milton Cunningham, E. M. Keck, and Misses Annie Lee Hatchitt, Barbara Calloway and Mildred Widman.

Altos: Mesdames N. C. Tracy, E. B. Burton, Doyne Holder and Misses Dorothy Nell Parr, Betty Mungerson, Marjorie Wilson, and Sybil Beachum.

Basses: Harry Douthit, Bob Parr, W. O. Friffin, T. E. Halpin, Richard Jernigan.

Tenors: Tom Harris Page, Junior Page, C. C. Holt, A. N. Davis and Judson Savage.

Morning service at the Baptist church will be at 11 o'clock with the Reverend Milton E. Cunningham pesenting the Christmas sermon.

Special Christmas carols will be sung by the choir with Mrs. Leland Miller, of Corpus Christi, as soloist, accompanied by Mrs. A. T. Harper.

A White Christmas Service will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10:50 to 11:10. The entire church will be decorated in tube roses and a white table will receive the gifts for the needy, all wrappd in white.

"The Birth of Christ" will be read by Mrs. Perry Holder. During the presentation of the gifts by members of the congregation Mr. Stanley Addington, Mrs. Leland Miller and Mrs. Doyne Holder will sing softly "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Grace Church Services Set

WESLACO — A Christmas schedule will be observed at Grace Episcopal Church Sunday and special Christmas services will be held Christmas eve starting with vespers at 5 p.m.

Services announced by Rev. Robert A. Martin, pastor, are as follows:

The Little White Church Always Open for Prayer and Meditation.

Services for December 22nd. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Morning Prayer with sermon 11 a.m.

Christmas schedule.

Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th. Vespers 5 p.m. Prayers with the children before the Creche. At 11:30 p.m. the Christ Mass. This midnight Holy Communion is the great service of the Christian year. The service proper will be preceded by the singing of carols. Each worshipper will be provided with a copy of the full service in order that everyone may follow the service. The public is especially invited to this service. Special music will be sung.

Christmas Day the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day, Thursday, December 26th. Holy Communion at 10 a.m. This service observes the life of the first martyr.

St. John Evangelist Day Friday, December 27th. Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Holy Innocents Day the Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Altar Boys Will Be Guests Sunday

MISSION — Altar boys of St. Paul's Catholic church will be guests of their pastor, Rev. Father Emil Platte, Sunday afternoon for a Christmas party and games at the Parish hall. They have been invited to arrive at 3 o'clock.

In the senior group are Herbert Melch, Paul Seitz, Clifford Achee, James Theis, Walter Volz, Jimmie Rome, Dickie Brown, Jackie Achee, Robert Volz, Clifford Rome, Dickie Volz, Robert Rome and Robert Achee. In the beginners group are Alfred Townsend, Frances Burrhus, Herbert Wolf, Gene Dondlinger, Billy Dondlinger, Fred Gerlach, Herbert Truhe, Carroll Tanner, Bobby Doyle, Wendell Corpstein, Pat Townsend, and Paul Achee.

EDCOUCH—Oleta (Boots) Harris has gone to Harlingen where she is employed IN A BEAUTY SHOPPE.

Christmas Luncheon Observed In San Benito Is Annual Club Affair

SAN BENITO — The What To Read Club held its annual Christmas luncheon at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel Saturday. The table was centered with miniature Christmas carol singers, and the colors of red, white and silver were carried out in the decorations.

The program included Scripture by Mrs. W. C. McConnell, Story of "The Passion Play" by Mrs. F. L. Paschall; and Christmas music by Mrs. A. J. Moore.

Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill sang two solos "Birthday of a King", by Niedlanger and "Ho-Mr. Piper," by Curran.

Gifts were exchanged and each gift was wrapped in red, white and silver.

Members attending were Mesdames Othel Bigham, Orville Brown, W. R. Brown, O. L. Byrd, Burger, J. D. Casey, Bill Duncan, M. B. Finley, A. J. Garey, H. V. Gordon, W. W. Housewright, R. Hanson, Al Lamm, A. J. Moore, C. L. Jones, W. C. McConnell, F. L. Paschall, L. W. Pratt, H. Schneider, B. M. Sheffey, W. J. Shidler, J. A. Welch, Geo. Wilson. Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill was a guest.

Midnight Mass Set For Christmas Eve At St. Alban's

HARLINGEN — Midnight mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's church Christmas Eve, starting at 12 o'clock. Music by the choir with special solos will be featured in the service.

Services will be held Christmas morning at 7:30 and 10:30 o'clock.

There will be no service the night of Christmas Day.

Churches In Mission Plan Observances

MISSION — Two events are listed on the calendar for members of the First Christian church congregation Sunday as the pre-Christmas observance of the church. Sunday morning has been designated "Family Day" in the Sunday School and church with all families of the congregation urged to attend in family groups. A presentation service for children of seven or under is planned at the worship hour when they and their parents will participate in a recognition service. The sermon topic will be "The Child in Our Midst," it was announced by the pastor, Rev. E. R. McWilliams.

At the Sunday School hour, the "Family Day" observance will be stressed in a brief program conducted by E. E. Marburger, superintendent of the church school.

Sunday night, the annual Christmas tree and treats program will be held at 7:45 o'clock, sponsored by the Laymen's League of the church. The tree will be decorated by the Co-Ed Class, taught by Mrs. A. J. Whittlesey. Sacks of candies and fruit will be filled by the Willing Workers class, taught by Mrs. P. C. Avery.

Holiday Setting Created For Party For Club Members

SAN BENITO — Mrs. A. M. Hervey entertained the Thursday contract Club at her home in rooms decorated in the Christmas theme. Gifts were distributed from the pretty Christmas tree.

When playing ended Mrs. Paul Hill held high and received the award.

Refreshments served at the close of the afternoon carried out the holiday colors.

Guests were Mrs. Tom Jones and Mrs. Neil Monger.

Members playing were Mesdames Mary Anderson Foehner, Jesse Welch, A. M. Hervey, Paul Hill, R. B. Stewart, O. C. Hamilton, Frank Carter, Tol Boswell, F. B. Sublett, and E. O. Seiser. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Hill.

Nativity Stressed In Program Slated For Baptist Church

HARLINGEN—Special Christmas music will be featured at both morning and evening services Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

In the morning Foster Tebbe at the memorial organ will play by special request, Grieg's "Daybreak" for offertory. The anthem by the choir will be "Bethlehem" with Miss Emogene Oler as soloist; Adeste Fidelis will be among the hymns for the congregation; and the Postlude will be Lemmons "Shepherd's Chorus."

The Christmas theme will be carried out at the evening hour with music and a baptismal service as special features.

Trio Hostesses For Class Party

WESLACO—Miss Jessie Norton, Miss Lucille Brantley, and Miss Florine Oltman entertained the Beth Jernigan Class of the Methodist Church School at the home of Miss Oltman.

A beautiful Christmas tree and bouquets of gorgeous poinsettias and gladiolis decorated the home.

Games were followed by singing of carols, and gift packages were distributed.

Mrs. Jernigan was presented with a lovely mother of pearl locket shaped as a prayer book, a gift from the class.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Donna Class Entertained

DONNA — Mrs. Miller Hammons, assisted by Mrs. Fred Hammonds, entertained the Ruth Bible Class of the First Baptist church with an elaborate one o'clock buffet Christmas luncheon, Tuesday in Mrs. Hammon's home. In addition to the beautifully lighted tree in the living room, the entire house was elaborately decorated with gorgeous deep red poinsettias, roses, and verbena.

The long lace laid table, from which the abundant turkey dinner was served, was adorned with a runner of snow, and flanked poinsettias. In addition to the annual exchange of gifts between members of the class the roup presented tokens of appreciation to their president, Mrs. Miller Hammons; secretary, Mrs. W. E. Rose, teacher; Mrs. H. V. Kennedy, an assistant teacher, Mrs. B. J. Patrick.

Guests were Mesdames Genie Wood, Jack Gibson, B. J. Patrick, J. C. Leadbetter, A. B. Sanders, Tom Crawley, L. B. Magee, R. D. Farris, J. V. McFarling, N. L. Range, A. B. Hill, Jesse Harbin, W. E. Rose, and John Norwood.

Miss Sheldon To Play Harp For Service

Midnight Mass At St. Anthony's

HARLINGEN — Miss Helen Sheldon, Mission, concert harpist, will play during the service at St. Alban's Episcopal Church Christmas Eve, Rev. John Phillips, rector, has announced. The service will start at 11:30 p.m. and be concluded about 1 a.m. The order of service is as follows:

Prelude, selected carols, "Adeste Fidelis" (Come All Ye Faithful).

Collect for Purity; Summary of the Law; Three-fold Kyrie.

Collects for the Day, the Epistle, The Gradual, the Allelujah in the Highest.

Gloria Tibi, The Gospel for Christmas.

Laus Tibi, Nicene Creed.

Sermon hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Sermon, "The Story of Christmas."

Offertory, "Silent Night," played on the harp by Miss Sheldon.

Presentation, Praise God, Great Intercession, Confession and Absolution, Comfortable Words, Sursum Corda, and Sanctus.

Benedictus Qui Venit.

The Canon, harp selection by Miss Sheldon.

The Pater Noster.

Prayer of Humble Access, harp number by Miss Sheldon.

Agnus Dei, Lesser Intercession, Glory in Escelsis.

Benediction, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" by choir and harp.

Recessional hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

The church will be beautifully decorated with greens, poinsettias, and carnations for the midnight mass.

Several memorials will be dedicated and blessed at this service.

Miss Sheldon is to be accompanied by Wilfred-St. Clair Fisher of Mission at the organ.

Strangers and guests are welcome to the midnight mass.

Christmas morning at 7:45 a.m. there will be a quiet service of Holy Communion.

Community Sing Set

SAN BENITO — The San Benito Music Club will sponsor a Community Sing on Christmas Eve at nine o'clock, at the corner of Sam Houston and Batts Streets. Last year a similar Christmas singing was presented by the Music Club, and was received with such enthusiasm that many requests have been made for a repetition this year.

The city officials as well as all business and professional people are giving full cooperation in the movement. The one hundred block on West Batts street will be closed to traffic during the performance, and parking will be under the supervision of the police department. The Central Power and Light Company will furnish light for the occasion.

Music will begin at nine o'clock, the period of intermission between theatre performances, after which families will have ample time for their home customs. Following the program on the street several groups will sing carols for Christmas parties and shutins.

The program Tuesday evening will consist of massed choir numbers and community singing under the direction of Mrs. G. H. Schurman, as well as several instrumental numbers under Louis Vallee.

An invitation has been sent out to all church choirs and other singers to join the massed choir and assist in this and future community programs.

There will be a rehearsal of the Massed Choir at the Christian church on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock directed by Mrs. G. H. Schurman. All church choirs and local singers have been invited to take part in the Community Sing on Christmas Eve at nine o'clock.

Bride-Elect Honor Guest

DONNA—Honoring Miss Gwendolyn Anderson, whose marriage to Osborne Little of Weslaco will be an event of Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church of La Feria, Mrs. Forrest Groves and Miss Martha Robinson entertained from four until six on Wednesday afternoon, in Mrs. Grove's home, with a bathroom shower.

As the guests assembled the hostesses strung a clothesline across the living room. The gay parcels were then presented to the honoree, piled in a clothesbasket. As she opened each towel, and oddly enough most of them were dusty rose, she was asked to pin it on the line.

At the close of the afternoon, while Mrs. Earl Murray poured coffee, the hostesses served cookies, sandwiches, and mints wrapped in poinsettias from a table decorated with poinsettias, red candles and snow.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were Mesdames Robert Turner, W. R. Jackson, A. B. Sanders, W. R. Somers, Bud Boye, H. B. Scott, Branch Roberts, E. A. Boyce, John Norwood, Nelson Jean, Lucile Bruch, Earl Murray, and the Misses Ora Mills, Lucile Penn, Nell Moye, Calla Stainke, Lavetta Huggins, Mae Wood, Sally Weaver, Bernice Cook, Louise Boyce, and Laura Snyder.

TO SAN ANTONIO

SAN BENITO — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill and children Paulie and Lucius left Saturday for Austin to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hill's parents.

Elsa Child Is Honored On Birthday

ELSA—Mrs. Steve Hood entertained at the week-end honoring her daughter, Maridell, on her seventh birthday. A beautiful large decorated Christmas tree was the center of attraction in the living room where the little guests played games.

The hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Glenn Sigle, served birthday cake, cookies and cocoa.

Guests were Phyllis Galloway, Frances Dean and Frank Allan Smith, Bobby and Dicky Williams, Mary Ann Russell, Faye and Clifton Jackson, Buddy Poignee, Doreen and Velma Jo Morrison, Barbara Polk, Kenneth Poole, Ernest Whitman, Patsy Ruth and Roland McDaniel, Maridell and Coy Hood, Emma Gene Galbreath, Mrs. Vernon Jackson, and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Next meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Edcouch Methodist church was set for December 31 when the group met Wednesday at the church. Mrs. R. E. Bowker was in charge of the worship program.

Mrs. John Carr presented Annabelle Hughes and Patsy Graham in a piano recital at her new studio in Elsa Monday evening. The studio was attractively decorated to portray the Christmas season.

After the recital, Mrs. Wm. Hughes and Mrs. D. M. Graham served dainty refreshments to the large group of friends who were guests.

Librarians Are Honored By Luncheon

SAN BENITO — The Library Board entertained with a luncheon honoring Mrs. Daisy Kenton and Miss Effie Watson at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel Thursday.

The table was decorated with white and red poinsettias and Brazilian peppers. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson presented each of the honorees with a red cellophane stocking of silver in appreciation of the work that they have done for library throughout the year.

Mrs. Kenton and Miss Watson responded with very interesting talks.

Mrs. Barrier sang a solo, and each guest gave a "thought" of Christmas.

Those enjoying the delightful courtesy were Mesdames Watson, Kenton, Woodrow Wilson, John Prentiss, Harry Carroll, J. Sullivan, J. Tucker, Robert Bone, L. A. Barrier, R. M. Pratt, Morgan Finely, George Willson, F. W. Burgess and H. C. Massey.

Annual Party Is Enjoyed

SAN BENITO—Among the many enjoyable pre-holiday events was the annual party for members and guests of the Browne Tract Club at the home of Mrs. Leslie Carpenter Wednesday. A co-operative luncheon was served buffet style, followed by a Christmas program.

The guest rooms were attractive in holiday attire with vivid poinsettias and red hibiscus in pleasing arrangement, and a gayly decorated Christmas tree and Christmas bells adding interest to the scene.

Each member answered roll call by giving something of particular interest relating to Christmas.

Miss Lu Elsie Nagel, home demonstration agent, reported on the social and economic value of the cotton mattress campaign.

A clever original poem, relating the history and accomplishments of the club and naming members and officers was given by Mrs. Fred Carpenter.

After the program, Santa with a huge basket of gifts was welcomed.

Guests were Miss Nagel, Mrs. C. M. Estes, and Miss Vera Bencix.

Club Guests Of Mrs. Loe

RAYMONDVILLE — The pretty home of Mrs. I. B. Loe was the setting for the Christmas luncheon for members of the Wednesday Afternoon Club, with Christmas greens adding their fragrance and shimmering silver gleam to the rooms.

The large dining table from which the luncheon was served buffet was covered with a lace cloth of elaborate pattern, and centered with a diminutive silver tree. A large silver tree formed the chief decoration in the reception room; this was decorated in the myriad colors of the rainbow.

Following the luncheon bridge was enjoyed and Mrs. Snow was the lucky member.

Guests were Mrs. Eugenia Bannister and Mrs. H. D. Campbell. Members were Mesdames Gene Smith, Harvey Geis, Lud Snow, Don Hightower, E. M. Tomme, C. D. Ritter, B. S. Wright, J. G. Caudel, John Fambrough and C. N. Howard.

Christmas Party Enjoyed By Class

MISSION — Junior girls of the Presbyterian church school were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday evening when their teachers, Mrs. A. T. Dyal, was hostess. Games of monopoly provided the entertainment before gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Class members and their guests who were in the party included Patty Frank Euler, Dorothy Ann Daniel, Charlotte Gibbs, Grace Graham, Tommie Jean Gill, Mary Carolyn Martin, Margaret Peterson, Maria Brooks and Tommy Dyal, Jr.

Newcomer And House Guest

Mrs. Walter Benson of Pharr (right) one of the city's newest new-comers, is shown with her recent house-guest, Mrs. Ballard Montgomery (left) of Sinton, Texas, who was complimented with a beautifully appointed bridge party by her hostess, during her visit of several days in Pharr. Mrs. Benson and her husband moved to Pharr from Sinton several weeks ago. (Kerr Studio.)

Santa Rosa Ex-Students Plan For Annual Meet

SANTA ROSA — The Santa Rosa Ex-Students Association will hold a regular meeting in the grammar school auditorium December 27, from two until five o'clock. Following the business meeting there will be a tea in the high school dining room, sponsored by the senior class. James Henry Eubanks, of the Class of '41, will give the welcome to the ex-students, and Charles Dudley, of the class of '36, will give the response.

Each class represented at the meeting will be asked to present some kind of stunt, and a valuable prize will be given the class that is judged the best.

All Ex-Students are especially urged to attend the meeting, as much interest is being shown among graduates of the Santa Rosa high school.

The Ex-Students Association was organized in 1938, and the first meeting was held on December 27 of that year. The following Ex-Students were elected as the first officers of the Association:

William Dudley, president, Class of '33; Folk Weaver, vice president, class of '28; Mrs. Carmen Heald, secretary, class of '28; George Shimek, reporter, Class of '39.

The second meeting of the Ex-Students association was held on December 27, 1939, and was sponsored by the Senior class of 1940. The following officers were elected to hold office for the year: Mrs. Carmen Heald, president, George Shimek, vice-president; Mrs. James Nuchols, secretary; class of '38; and Charles Dudley, reporter, Class of 1936.

Mrs. Bourne Hostess For Club Party

SANTA ROSA—Members of the Santa Rosa Garden club were entertained at the annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. O. Bourne.

Mrs. Mary C. Staats was director of the program and gave an illustrated description of her travels from Paris through the Holy Land. Members responded to roll call with Christmas poems, stories and experiences, and descriptions of Christmas in Palestine and other lands.

Beautiful decorations of double poinsettias and evergreens made a delightful setting for the party, one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

The members brought gifts for the Harlingen Nursery.

Guests were Mesdames Ralph Archer, Porficio Cantu, Rucker Standord, all of Lyford, and Mrs. J. S. Snyder of Santa Rosa. Members attending were Mesdames Staats, Chriti Berquist, Donna Stevens, G. M. McCraney, Chester Flint, T. J. Dudley, Scotty Norman, Ada Sibson, and Miss Bettie Jo Bourne.

The January meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. W. D. Cox, club president, with Mrs. McCraney as leader of the program.

Smart Event Is Luncheon

RAYMONDVILLE — A very lovely luncheon was given by Mrs. Fredrick Humphrey on Thursday at one o'clock for members of her club. The house throughout was like a Christmas fairy scene.

The large buffet table was covered with a blanket of artificial snow from which hung a fringe of icicles. A center container of crystal held a low arrangement of poinsettias and crrysanthemums. Rich red tapers in crystal holders and reindeer completed the decoration.

Small tables were attractively centered with small poinsettias and holly.

Following the elaborate luncheon there was an exchange of gifts.

Guests were Mesdames J. B. Chambers and Murray Floyd. Members present were Mesdames G. E. Bennack, Harry Douthit, John Fambrough, Gorman Fox, Earl Gilliland, J. C. Brandt and L. C. Brenner. High award was presented to Mrs. Gilliland.

Attend Luncheon

SAN JUAN — Mrs. Zella Miller, past district deputy Grand matron of the O.E.S. chapter, Mrs. Mildred Cummings associate matron of San Juan O. E. S., Mrs. Constance Stensbo, protem for Mrs. Anna May Smith, Worthy Matron of San Juan O. E. S., and Walter F. Good, Worthy Patron attended a one o'clock turkey luncheon Thursday given by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Couch at their pretty home near Pharr when they honored the Valley matrons and associate matrons club thirty-six were present.

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Yule Party Is Observed By Members

LOS FRESNOS — The home of Mrs. N. G. Chatelle was beautifully and elaborately decorated in poinsettas when Mrs. Chatelle was cohostess with Mrs. Carl Buchan on Thursday afternoon at a Christmas party for members of the Womans Service Club.

The 1941 program committee composed of Mesdames E. W. Chase, Peter Watkins and E. A. Oliver presented the 1941 yearbooks during a brief business session.

Mrs. Frank Kretz was in charge of the program. The group sang Christmas songs and Mrs. H. J. Leach read "One Christmas Eve in Mexico." Mrs. Chatelle accompanied by Mrs. George Laakso gave a saxophone solo. As the roll was called members answered by relating the story of a Christmas custom.. Gifts from a lovely tree were distributed and upon opening them each member learned the identity of her "secret friend" for the past year.

Mrs. E. C. Swann and Mrs. Buchan presided alternately at a silver coffee service in the dining room during the social hour. The table from which tea dainties were served was decorated in poinsettias flanked by lighted tapers in silver candle holders.

Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. M. E. Terrell, Mrs. D. Zumwalt of San Benito and Mrs. E. E. Hollon.

Members present were Misses Ethel Gammon and Geneva Palmer, Mesdames Harry Whipple, W. B. Palmer, U. J. Breedlove, Carl Buchan, E. W. Chase, N. G. Chatelle, Noel Ryall, R. Coon, C. B. Chase, G. C. Greer, Peter Watkins, James Brunwald, Leon Hinkley, Hall Palmer, Ed Hockaday, E. Rogers, Frank Kretz, George Laakso, H. J. Leach, Harry Lupton, F. C. Miller, Joe Nesetril, E. A. Oliver, E. A. Olson, F. C. Williams, J. E. Shankle, E. C. Swann.

LEAVING FOR HOLIDAYS

EDCOUCH — Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Galbreath and daughters plan to spend the Christmas holidays at Mason.

Future Bride Honor Guest

WESLACO—Miss Millicant Yoder was hostess with a delightful prenuptial compliment honoring Miss Lucille Chandler, bride-elect of Jack Tebbe, Thursday night at the Yoder home on Sixth street.

With school friends of Miss Chandler as guests, the lovely party featured a kitchen shower.

The Christmas colors were emphasized by poinsettias. A clever presentation of the shower gifts was made from the pretty Christmas tree, with a visit of old Santa Claus as a special guest of honor.

The refreshment table, lace laid, was centered by the reindeer and red tapers in crystal holders. Many Christmas delicasies were served.

Arrive For Holidays

RAYMONDVILLE—Among students arriving from colleges for the holidays are: Alden Gilliland from A. and M.; Basil Arnold, Abilene Christian College, Patricia Loe from Abilene Christian College; Madison Gilliland, A. and M.; Mike Crowell, Leslie Huff, Bill Rapp from University of Texas; Pauline Phillips of T.S.C.W., Denton.

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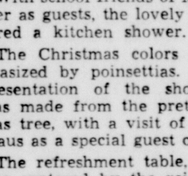
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Bride-To-Be Honor Guest In Weslaco

WESLACO—Mrs. W. T. Barbee was hostess for a delightful prenuptial courtesy entertaining with a "crystal-china shower" as a compliment to Miss Maydeene King, bride-elect of Marion Busby of Lockhart.

The party was given Friday afternoon at the lovely country home of Mrs. Barbee which was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors. Poinsettias were the gorgeous flowers placed for entertaining, from four until five o'clock.

Miss Margaret Ann Mitchell presided at the bride's book, and the refreshment service was most attractive and delicious.

Mrs. Dort Davis was hostess for the lovely Christmas party Thursday afternoon, having as her guests the members of the San Souci Club.

The living rooms were pretty with arrangements of poinsettias and marigold, and a lovely tree forming the background for the gift exchange.

The games were in charge of Miss Delzell and the hostess served a delicious sweet course late in the afternoon.

The lovely home of Mrs. I. R. Stahl was the scene for a pleasant Christmas party Thursday afternoon when the members of the Dos Mesas Club enjoyed the afternoon's bridge games.

Gorgeous arrangements of scarlet poinsettias, red zinnias and chrysanthemums formed the floral note. Greenery and gold stars added a holiday touch. A lighted tree proved the center of gift exchange, with Mrs. Gordon Potts winner of score for games.

The hostess served a fruit and sweet course for the refreshment hospitality.

Arrangement Topic For Demonstration

SAN BENITO — Mrs. L. H. Thacker, vice-president of the Garden Club, presided at the meeting of the Club at the home of Mrs. W. J. Shidler Wednesday morning. During the business session reports of the recent council meeting at Los Fresnos were given by Mrs. C. W. Sullivan and Mrs. L. S. Tarwater.

Mrs. Tarwater had charge of the program and Christmas Customs of Greece, England, Armania, Bethlehem and France were given.

Mrs. L. J. Cilley gave a demonstration of Chinese arrangements on various colored plates.

Place of the next meeting will be announced later.

Valley Matrons Club Attends Christmas Luncheon At Pharr

PHARR—In brilliant Christmas time setting members of the Valley Matrons Club were entertained at luncheon Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Couch at Pharr at their home here.

Mr. Couch is past worthy grand patron of the Eastern Star of Texas.

The approaching holiday's influence dominated the decorative effects. The top of the mantle in the living room was strewn with poinsettias blossoms whose background was clusters of tiny lights. Elsewhere in the living rooms large bouquets of poinsettias were bright splashes of color.

The buffet, from which luncheon was served, held an arrangement of six red candles. Red streamers leading from the candles were stopped with tiny Christmas trees. Each quartet table was centered with red candle, surrounded by a wreath of greenery. Miniature Christmas trees were given each guest as a favor.

The program presented honored Mrs. Jane Hensley of La Feria, deputy grand matron, and Mrs. Ruth Freshour of Rio Hondo, past deputy grand matron, and Mrs. Ruth Freshour of Rio Hondo, past deputy grand matron. Both were given gifts by the assemblage.

Thirty matrons and associate matrons of the Valley's Eastern Star chapter were present. Other guests included Mrs. Zella Miller of San Juan, past district deputy; and Walter Good of San Juan, past deputy grand sentinel.

Brides-Elect Are Honored In Weslaco

WESLACO—Miss Mary Louise Johnston was hostess for a lovely pre-nuptial courtesy accenting the Christmas season Tuesday from five until six o'clock at the Johnston home honoring two brides-elect, Miss Maydeene King and Miss Lucille Chandler.

The lovely t.a heralded the approach of the Yuletide in elaborate arrangements of red and white.

The tea table was centered by a gorgeous scarlet flat arrangement of poinsettias with red tapers in silver holders. Miss Mary Louise Gunther poured the tea and Miss Helen Batson served the embossed cakes.

Thirty guests with Mrs. Foster Tebbe of Harlingen and Mrs. Rhorback of St. Louis, mother and house guest at Harlingen.

Mrs. A. S. Pike, Mrs. J. L. Stone and Mrs. C. L. Burton were hostesses at the Pike home Wednesday afternoon, having as guests the members of the Alathean Class of the First Baptist Sunday school. During the afternoon Miss Maydeene King, bride-elect of Marion Busby of Lockhart, was honored with a delightful shower.

The living rooms was beautifully decorated with the red and green of the Christmas time and a tree formed a pleasing setting for the exchange of gifts by class members.

Mrs. Clifford Scott gave a Christmas reading and after the class business in charge of Mrs. C. L. Burton, president, a shower of gifts was presented to Miss King, and a clever mock wedding held with Mrs. F. T. Hudson, Mrs. W. L. Wagers, Mrs. Crowell and Mrs. Batson taking part.

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Robert Young planned to depart Saturday by plane for her home in New York where she will spend the holidays.

McAllen Pair Hosts For Christmas Party

McALLEN—Bright red flowers and a lighted Christmas tree added much to the gayety of the occasion when Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Elser gave the annual Christmas party for the Lutheran Ladies' Aid at their home Thursday afternoon.

There were several vocal solos presented and Miss Meta Schroeder played Christmas carols softly on the piano while Mrs. Louis Buck read the story of the "Birth of Our Savior."

Small Dinner Compliment To Bride

LA FERIA—Miss Elsie Thompson was hostess at Halliburton's Friday evening for an informal dinner honoring Miss Gwendolyn Anderson, bride-elect.

Placecards and centerpiece for the table emphasized the bridal motif. Seated with the honoree and hostess were Miss Edna Erickson, Miss Louise Hill, Harlingen; Mrs. Jim Goode, and Mrs. J. A. Hawkins.

The hostess presented an attractie gift to the honoree. The two have been friends since high school days when they graduated together and also were classmates at Brownsville Junior College.

Mrs. J. P. Bond was hostess to members of the Culture Club for a nine o'clock breakfast Friday morning. Decorations used in pretty profusion stressed the approach of the holiday season.

The breakfast table was decorated with poinsettias.

Mrs. A. L. Bishop gave the Christmas story from "Christmas In My Heart."

An exchange of gifts was enjoyed.

During the business session the group voted to assist in the program for furnishing codliver oil to one child for a year and to investigate giving other aid.

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FOR SALE: 1938 Panel delivery. See Collier, First National Bank, Mercedes.

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1c. Trade Autos

WANTED: A good late model car or truck as part payment on new house or duplex in Weslaco. Chas. E. Anderson, 623 Indiana ave., Weslaco, phone 356 after 6 p.m.

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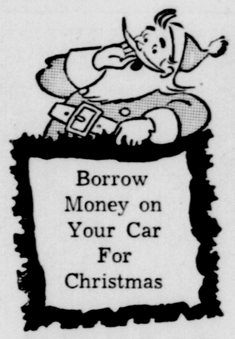

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FOR RENT: Two-room unfurnished house with shower in rear. Utilities paid. 213 E. Monroe, Harlingen.

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5-ROOM house with service porch, 209 N. 9th. $25 per month. 5-room house with screen porch, 412 N. 6th street, $25 per month. Beautiful 5-room brick house with double garage. 706 N. Broadway, $35 per month. Call Edw. W. Schuman, phone 178-J, located at 6th and Date Palm ave., McAllen.

FIVE-ROOM house and screen porch. 1053 Palm Blvd., $35.00. Call 29 E. St. Charles, Brownsville.

HOUSE, furnished, six rooms. $50.00. 110 Avenue A, Riverside, Carlos G. Watson, Brownsville.

SEVEN-ROOM cottage, modern; electric stove, hot water heater, refrigerator. Fruit for family use. Garage. Permanent. Three miles out 14th street. A. C. Capron, El Jardin Hotel, Brownsville.

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

5-ROOM house in Raymondville, nicely located. Trade for 5-room house in Harlingen. Prefer clear of encumbrance. E. J. Krogman, Harding building, Raymondville, Phone 106-W.

1110 E. MADISON, six-room modern home. Attractive. Large yard, beautiful shrubbery, easy terms. Phone 1121 or 1097-W, Harlingen.

BRICK HOME FOR SALE
Just completed, small brick home on 5 acres of desirable land. Water, gas and electricity. Well located. Price, $2,200.
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16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

"What Shall I Buy For Christmas"

20 ACRES with modern 5-room home, 3 acres trees, short distance from paved road, 4 miles from Harlingen. $2750.00, some cash and terms.

6-ROOM MODERN HOME, Van Buren street, 3 blocks post office. See this Monday. Its cheap.

6-ROOM MODERN BRICK HOME, Tyler street, east side. $3000.00. $300.00 cash, balance less than rent you now pay.

5-ROOM MODERN BRICK, double garage, best of location, West Buchanan. $3250.00, some cash and terms. Buy this and move in Christmas Day.

CORNER LOT, few blocks post office, has modern 5-room home and 4-room modern home. Income, $40.00 per month. Price will surprise you. Call us Monday.

6-ROOM MODERN HOME with 10-acre grove 12-years-old, on pavement near Combes. A Veritable show place. $5,000.00, one-third cash, balance your terms.

WILL TRADE close in business corner (one block post office) well-improved, for something out of state. Owner requires higher atlitude. Price for quick action, $10,000.00.

FOR RENT: Nice modern 6-room home in Stuart Place. Has 2-room home in rear, double garage, small barn, nice place for chickens, as this place on 20-acre grove, owner in the north and wants house occupied. Located on Dillworth road, just below Banker Hall.

HERREN REALTY COMPANY

Phone 38 Harlingen, Texas

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

1202 E. Tyler Sold, American!

The sale of 1202 E. Tyler made us think again that purchasers of such property should indeed be grateful for the privilege of buying a home . . . in the American way!

For it is just now that folks all over town, and all over the land are feeling most the spirit of Christmas. We're all getting ready to celebrate Christmas in the good old-fashioned American way. And home owners everywhere in this great land of ours are thankful for the feeling of security that they enjoy.

Somehow, "going home for Christmas" is one of the things we love to do best. This year, when so many, many are not granted that privilege in other lands, how truly thankful we Americans should be for HOMES and for the fellowship we enjoy in them.

If we've been instrumental in bringing a little more happiness to some because they now own their own homes as a result of our efforts, then we, too, are deeply grateful. And we rejoice with all other Americans because this is another Christmas we'll be privileged to enjoy in our own homes . . . in the American way.

Willingham Realty

Harlingen

16c. Farms. Ranches

ABBOTT'S BARGAINS

16 Acre all Pink Marsh grove, $3950.

14 Acre Grove one third Oranges at $150 acre.

16 Acre Grove, improved. Two-thirds Oranges and Pinks. Price $3500.

40 Acre PERFECT GROVE all Marsh Pinks, $625 per acre.

Four Unit new Stucco Tile roof full tenants at your price.

10 Acres and nice home between McAllen and Mission. Wants more and cheaper land.

Grocery Store; a good one; you need $2500 all cash.

Good going paying business here in McAllen. You need $4500 cash. Information must be confidential.

Many Snaps. SEE ME FIRST.

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"THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY; Love it or Leave it"

No. 14 So. 15th street McAllen

16g. Wanted to Buy

TWO business buildings, one five-room modern house, located on main highway with 3½ acres land, near Weslaco, on corner south side highway. Terms. Box 282, Rt. 1, Weslaco, Texas.

16h. Business Property

THOMAS Mercedes Hotel Mercedes, Texas

Offers

43 acres with well improved home near Groveton, Trinity county, East Texas, trade.

Fully equipped picture show in small East Texas town to trade.

Small cafe on main highway in good Valley town. Cheap.

Tourist camps, fine orchards, nice city homes. See me for anything in real estate.

One of best oil and gas stations. Cheap.

17. NOTICES

17d. Professional Notices

DR. E. C. HERRON D.C., Ph.D., —Chiropractor— 902 Beech Ave. 1 Blk. North of R. R. 4 Blks. E. of Main—McAllen

17e. Travel Opportunities

DRIVING to Dallas Sunday, December 22. Can take 3 passengers. Call 436, Harlingen.

WANT share expense ride Oklahoma City and return after Sunday, 22nd. Mrs. D. C. Peifer, Gen. Del., San Benito, Texas.

GOING to Mexico City shortly after Xmas. Can take two share expense passengers. Box 1523, McAllen.

LEAVING for Dallas Monday 23rd. 1940 Ford. Take two share expense passengers. 513 E. Peter street, Edinburg Apartments.

17 NOTICES

17e. Travel Opportunities

McALLEN REYNOSA BUS LINE

McALLEN to REYNOSA	
8:30 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
12:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
	8:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:00 P.M.
REYNOSA to McALLEN	
7:50 A.M.	1:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
11:00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
	7:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:30 P.M.

17f. Cafe and Hotels

$3.00 PER WEEK

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GUEST LAUNDRY FREE

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Brownsville

19. LEGAL NOTICES

Collection District No. 23, Office of the Collector of Customs, Laredo, Texas, December 15, 1940. Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 607 T. A. 1930, Notice is hereby given that there were seized in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas, on November 11, 1940, one 1940 model Plymouth Pick-up Truck, Motor No. PT10512042, Lic. No. 28-633, with 6 parrots and 31 parrakeets, for violation of the Customs laws and Sec. 3062 Revised Statutes. Any person desiring to claim the above described vehicle or birds must appear and file with the undersigned a claim to such property and a bond in the sum of $250 within 20 days from the date of first publication of this notice, in default of which the property will be declared forfeited and disposed of in accordance with the law. The parrots and parrakeets have been delivered to the U. S. Public Health Service for disposition. Harry P. Hornby, Collector of Customs.

12:15—22—29—3t:—18

Court Records

CAMERON COUNTY

Deed Records

Fred B. Cable, Recr. of Mchts', Nat'l. Bk., B'ville., Tex. to Sterchi Furniture Co., Inc., Lot 8, Blk. 120, city of Brownsville. Deed.

Eva R. Carnes and A. J. Wittenbach. Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 75, townsite of Harlingen. Extn. Agmt. V. L.

Ruth W. Townsend, John D. Townsend to James Bayles, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Blk. 12, East Avondale Add., city of Harlingen. Q. C. D.

J. B. Still, et al, Tr. of First Baptist Church of Primera to John F. Grant Lumber Co., part of Blk. 64, Wilson Tract. Sub. Tr's. Deed.

Harold Hendricks to Ernest F. West and Elva West, E25' of Lot 19, and the W5' of Lot 18, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add., city of Hgn. W. D. V. L.

Harlingen Add. Co. to W. F. West, E55' of Lot 19, and W5' of Lot 18, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. Rel. Restrictions.

Harlingen Add. Co. to L. J. Schrenker, Lot 5, Blk. 38, Finwood Hghts. Add., city of Hgn. Rel. Restrictions.

Realty Trust Co. to R. T. McMinn, Lot 3, Blk. 6, Los Ebanos Add., city of Brownsville. Rel. Judg. Lien.

Deed of Trust Records

The Richard Gill Co. to Rutland Savings Bank, Rutland, Vermont, Lot 4, Blk. 12, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. Tfr. D. T.

The Richard Gill Co. to Rutland Savings Bank, Rutland, Vermont, Lot 8, Blk. 3, Miller Add. to the city of Harlingen. Tfr. D. T.

The Richard Gill Co. to Rutland Savings Bank, Lot 5, and W10' of Lot 6, Blk. 12, Finwood Hghts. Add., Hgn. Tfr. D. T.

The Richard Gill Co. to Rutland Savings Bank, Lot 3, Blk. 25, city of Port Isabel. Tfr. D. T.

The First Nat'l. Bk., Hgn., to Harold Hendricks, E55' of Lot 19, West 5' of Lot 18, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add., city of Hgn. Rel. D. T.

Ernest F. West, et ux (Elva) to Ames L. Gill, Tr. for The Richard Gill Co., East 55' of Lot 19 and West 5' of Lot 18, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. D. T.

L. J. Schrenker, et ux (Violet) to Ames L. Gill, Tr. for The Richard Gill Co., Lot 5, Blk. 38, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. D. T.

Mechanics Lien Records

Spencer-Sauer Lumber Co., a corp'n to Harris County, Tex., to The Richard Gill Co., E35' of Lot 17 and W25' of Lot 16, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. Assn. M. L.

L. T. Adamson, Mrs. Hazel Adamson and Frontier Lumber Co., Lot 8, Blk. 81A of Stillman Exten. to the city of Brownsville. M. M. Lien Contract.

Assumed Names Registered

Frank's Place—Blk. 1 Orange Road 2 miles east of La Feria, Texas. Frank G. Staneart—Gen. Del., La Feria, Texas.

103rd Civil District Court

Judge James S. Graham

Filed

Robert N. Humphreys vs W. C. Anderson and others, trespass and try title.

Orders: Friday, Dec. 20.

Guadalupe Martinez vs Lois Cox, evidence submitted on removal of disabilities and case held open pending further evidence.

Alberto Shears and others vs Maria Shears and others, cause dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

R.F.C. vs C. G. Casey and others, judgment for plaintiff for debt and foreclosure of lien.

Ernesto Geurro vs Felicina Geurro, divorce granted.

L. C. Feener vs City of Harlingen, Albert Wolf dismissed by agreement of parties.

Marriage Licenses

Joss Williams Riley, Harlingen, and Geneva Davis, Rio Hondo.

CLERK RECEIVES GIFT

EDINBURG—Oscar D. Kirkland, Hidalgo county clerk, was presented with a handsome leather coat Saturday morning when employes of his office held their annual Christmas party. A number of gifts were exchanged.

COTTONSEED OIL

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Cottonseed oil closed steady. Bleachable prime summer yellow 8.70 nom; prime crude 4.62½B. Dec. 5.38B, Jan. 5.39B, March 5.43B, May 5.52B, July 5.59B.

DAY'S NEWS OF NATION'S MARKETS

CITRUS MARKET

VALLEY CARLOT SHIPMENTS BY RAIL FOR FRIDAY

Grapefruit 23, Mixed Citrus 1, Beets and Carrots 1, Cabbage 2, Mixed Vegetables 2, total 29 cars.

Totals by Rail and Boat to Date This Season: Grapefruit 5407, Oranges 373, Mixed Citrus 318, Tangerines 4, Lemons 3, Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 11, Beans 1, Beets 95, Beets and Carrots 24, Cabbage 38, Carrots 40, Dandelion 2, Eggplant 2, Endive 4, Greens 3, Parsley 20, Peas 26, Peppers 99, Poatoes 2, Radishes 29, Squash 2, Spinach 18, Tomatoes 244, Mixed Vegetables 806, total 5571.

To the Same Date Last Season: Citrus Fruits 5248, Vegetables 1880, Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 42, total 7170 cars.

VALLEY ADDITIONAL TRUCK MOVEMENT OF CITRUS REPORTED FOR THE RIVERA ROAD STATION

Carlot Equiv Dec. 17: Grapefruit 1.1, Oranges .8, total 1.9 cars. (8 trucks)

Carlot Equiv Dec. 18: Grapefruit .4, Oranges .9, total 1.3 cars. (5 trucks)

Carlot Equiv Dec. 19: Grapefruit 3.5, Oranges 3.2, Tangerines .1, total 6.8 cars (17 trucks).

VALLEY TRUCK CITRUS MOVEMENT FOR FRIDAY (171 Trucks)

Grapefruit: 80 lb Boxes 9070, ½ Boxes 58, ¼ Boxes 69, Bushels 594, ½ Bushels 350, 80 lb Sacks 7961, 50 lb Sacks 84, 40 lb Sacks 208, 10 lb Sacks 2000.

Oranges: 80 lb Boxes 13799, 50 lb Boxes 20, ½ Boxes 602, ¼ Boxes 68, Bushels 2259, ½ Bu 348, 80 lb Sacks 69, 50 lb Sacks 3155, 40 lb Sacks 2067, 20 lb Sacks 20, 10 lb Sacks 1360.

Tangerines: ½ Boxes 62, Bushels 841, ½ Bushels 1452, 50 lb Sacks 1, 40 lb Sacks 20, 20 lb Sacks 20, 10 lb Sacks 30.

Carlot Equiv Dec. 20: Grapefruit 44.9, Oranges 47.3, Tangerines 2.6, total 94.8 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 3482.7, Oranges 2068.2, Tangerines 65.4, total 5616.3.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 2334.2, Oranges 1782.2, Tangerines 69.2, total 4185.6.

NOTE: The completed reports have now been received from the new highway and have been added into the totals to date. The report shown above for Dec. 20 includes the reports from both the Falfurrias highway and Rivera highway road stations. Hereafter these reports will be available daily and the movement shown will include reports from both stations.

FLORIDA TRUCK CITRUS MOVEMENT REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Carlot Equiv Dec. 20: Grapefruit 18, Oranges 179, Tangerines 24, total 221 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 1150, Oranges 4923, Tangerines 544, total 6617 cars.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 1214, Oranges 5335, Tangerines 769, total 7318 cars.

AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES OF GRAPEFRUIT SOLD AND UNREPORTED FRIDAY

BOSTON: Fla White 888 Boxes Gen Avg 1.85, High 2.06, Low 1.73.

NEW YORK: Texas Pinks 920 Boxes Gen Avg 2.07, High 2.19, Low 1.89.

Fla Marsh 7315 Boxes Gen Avg 2.04, High 2.28, Low 1.84.

Fla Marsh 475 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.54, High 1.56, Low 1.47.

Fla Other 2060 Boxes Gen Avg 1.96, High 2.24, Low 1.58.

Fla Other 855 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.33, High 1.37, Low 1.26.

Fla Foster Pink 211 Boxes Gen Avg 2.11, High 2.25, Low 1.96.

CLEVELAND: Texas Marsh 960 Boxes Gen Avg 2.03, High 2.14, Low 1.93.

Texas Marsh Pink 649 Boxes Gen Avg 2.17, High 2.31, Low 2.07.

Texas Foster Pink 406 Boxes Gen Avg 2.19, Range 1.75 to 3.00.

PHILADELPHIA: Texas Marsh Pink 425 Boxes Gen Avg 2.12, High 2.50, Low 2.00.

Fla Marsh 1146 Boxes Gen Avg 1.76, High 2.09, Low 1.55.

Fla Other 103 wire Boxes All sold at 1.40.

Fla Other 819 Boxes Gen Avg 2.13, High 2.44, Low 1.72.

Fla Marsh Pink 92 Boxes Gen Avg 1.97, High 2.21, Low 1.73.

Fla Foster Pink 705 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.26, High 1.40, Low 1.25.

VEGETABLES

CARLOT SHIPMENTS FROM OTHER TEXAS DISTRICTS FOR FRIDAY

Laredo Dist: Spinach 1, total 1 car.

Coastal Bend: Mixed Vegetable 1, total 1 car.

Winter Garden: Spinach 4, total 4 cars.

Eagle Pass: Spinach 7, total 7 cars.

F. O. B. SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Crystal City, Eagle Pass and Nearby South Texas Points:

Spinach: Haulings light. Demand fair, market about steady. Carloads f.o.b. cash track; bushel baskets, Savoy type, mostly 40c.

Belle Glade, Florida—Lake Okeechobee Section:

Green Peas: Haulings very light. Demand light, market about steady. Carloads f.o.b. cash track and truckloads cash at packing houses: bushel hampers, $1.90-2.00, fair quality $1.65-1.75.

Pompano Section, Florida:

Peppers: Haulings very light. Demand light, market weaker. Truckloads cash to growers: 1½ bushel crates, Wonders, fancy $2.75, few $3.00; World Beaters and similar varieties, fancy, $2.25-2.75 mostly $2.50.

BOSTON WOOL

BOSTON—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Scattered sales in the Boston market this week comprised limited quantities of domestic wools and moderate quantities of Merino type foreign wools. Demand for fine and half blood foreign wools was somewhat broader than in the previous week and prices were firm. Quotations on domestic fine and half blood wools also were firm because of limited supplies and some demand at current quotations. Quotations were very steady on domestic wools coarser than half blood. Graded combing bright fleece wools were quoted on a grease basis at 45-46 cents for fine Delaine 44-45 cents for half blood and 44-46 cents for three eighths and quarter blood.

BUTTER AND EGGS

CHICAGO—(AP)—Butter, receipts 603,985; weak; creamery, 93 score 34-34½; 92, 33½; 91, 33¼; 90, 33; 90 centralized carlots 33.

Eggs, receipts 8,149; weak; current receipts 21½; dirties 18½; fresh checks 17½; refrigerator checks 15½; refrigerator extras 20¼; refrigerato standards 20; government graded eggs unchanged.

Poultry live—no cars in; none due; 35 trucks; turkeys firm, balance steady; turkeys hens 19; all other prices unchanged.

CASH GRAIN

CHICAGO—(AP)—Cash wheat no sales reported.

Corn No 2 yellow 61-61¾; No. 3, 61½-59.

Oats No. 1 white heavy 41½; No. 2, 41½; No. 3, 37⅞; No. 1 heavy 38½; No. 1 red heavy 38½; sample mixed 29¾.

TEXAS GRAIN

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Moderate demand for grain continued at Fort Worth to the week-end.

Wheat—No. 1 soft red winter 94¼-95¼.

Barley—No. 2 nom 59-60.

Sorghums—No. 2 yellow milo per 100 lbs nom 1.08-1.10; No. 2 white kaffir nom. 1.08-1.10.

Corn, shelled—No. 2 white 72½-73½.

Oats—No. 2 red 44½-45½.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN

KANSAS CTY—(AP)—Wheat 48 cars, ¾ lower to ¼ higher. No. 2 dark hard, 83-83¼; No. 2 hard 83¼; No. 2 red, N81-83. Close: Dec. 79⅞; May 78; July 73-72⅞.

Corn 26 cars, unchanged to ½ higher. No. 2 white N 50½-61; No. 2 yellow N 58½-60; No. 2 mixed 59¾. Close: Dec. 58; May 57⅛; July 57⅛.

Oats 1 car; unchanged to ½ lower. No. 2 white N 36-37.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Cotton futures advanced here Saturday on trade buying and week-end short covering. Closing prices were steady 2 to 4 points net higher.

	High	Low	Close
January	....	....	10.06B
March	10.20	10.19	10.20
May	10.15	10.13	10.12N
July	9.92	9.91	9.91
October	9.37	9.36	9.36
December	....	....	9.30B
October	9.37	9.36	9.36

SPOT COTTON

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Spot cotton closed steady, 4 points higher. Sales 1,899, low middling 8.90, middling 9.90, good middling 10.40. Receipts 4,290; stock 538,994.

By FREDERICK GARDNER

NEW YORK—(AP)—Buying support came in for scattered favorites in Saturday's stock market but the list, on the whole, finished a generally unsatisfactory week with inconclusive trends.

Shipbuildings stepped out in front at the last of the brief session, and steels and specialties tacked on fractions to a point or so, but ragged tendencies were displayed in virtually all departments.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was unchanged at 43.

Year-end tax selling in several low-priced stocks again accounted for a sizable portion of the volume which amounted to 420,992 shares compared with 390,360 last Saturday.

Buying timidity was attributed partly to persistent worries over next year's tax bill and lack of anything particularly stimulating in the war news budget.

Steels held their own—U. S. Steel, Bethlehem and Youngstown were up ⅜ each.

Among the better performers were General Motors, Crucible Steel, Sears Roebuck, Glenn Martin, American Telephone, Anaconda, Kennecott, U. S. Gypsum, Standard Oil of N. J., Texas Corp., Santa Fe, N. Y. Central and Great Northern.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK—(AP)—

Stocks irregular; leaders narrow.

Bonds mixed; governments lower.

Foreign exchange quiet; Hongkong dollar advances.

Cotton higher; trade and mill support. Sugar firm; trade covering.

Metals stead; quiet week-end dealings.

Wool tops improved; Boston trade buying.

CHICAGO:

Wheat unsettled; December contracts trading concluded.

Corn weak; lagging demand.

Cattle steady.

Hogs undertone firm; top quoted $6.35.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Hogs, salable and total none; not even offered to test values; market nominally steady; for week: 170 lbs up 5-10 cents higher; underweights steady; sows weak to 10 lower; late top 6.05.

Cattle, salable 100, total 150; calves salable 25, tota 50; for week: good and choice saughter steers and yearlings strong to 25 higher; lower grades 25 to 50 up; heifers steady to 25 higher; cows 35 to 50 higher; cows back to high time; calves and vealers and stockers and feeders steady; week's top 14.10 for choice to prime 1030 lb Angus yearlings, next best, price 13.50; best 1418 lb steers 12.75; choice 827 to 875 lb Colorado fed heifers 11.75 to 12.00; practical top vealers 10.50; choice stockers and feeders 10.00-10.50; bulk replacement cattle 7.25-9.50; choice stock steer calves 11.25-50.

Sheep, salable and total 125; for week: lambs strong to 15 higher; sheep fully steady; week's top fed lambs 9.00 paid rather freely at the close; during the week many wheat pasture lambs 8.75-85; most late sales trucked-in natives downward from 8.85; fed yearlings 7.35-75; fed yearlings 7.35-75; top ewes 4.25; others 3.25-4.15.

OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Cattle salable and total 150, calves 50; for the week: beef steers and yearlings uneven, mostly 25 to 50 cents lower; beef cows and heifers around 25 lower; canners and cutters steady to strong; bulls bid 25 higher; vealers firm; slaughter calves 25 to 50 lower; stockers steady to weak; week's prices: practical top fed steers and yearlings 10.00; bulk medium and good short feds 8.25-9.50; plain quality steers 6.50-7.75; few heifers 8.50-9.00; cows upwards to 7.00; canners and cutters 3.50-5.00; bulls 5.50-6.50; vealer top 10.00; stockers 5.00-9.50.

Hogs salable 200, total 975; steady clean-up trade for packers; top 6.00; most sales godo and choice 190-360 lbs 5.90-6.00; lighter weights on down to 5.00 and 5.25; odd sows 5.25; for the week: Butcher hogs steady to 10 lower; packing sows weak to 25 lower. Late top 6.10 to shippers and city butchers; packer peak 6.00.

Sheep salable and total 25; for the week: fat lambs little changed; carlot top 8.40; truck in natives 8.25 and down; few yearlings 6.50-7.00; feeder lambs 6.75 and 7.00; fat ewes 3.00-50.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Salable hogs 300; total 6,800; practically no strictly good and choice hogs in fresh supply; undertone firm; quotable top around 6.35 or better; shippers took none; estimated holdover 500; compared week ago: good and choice barrows and gilts generally steady; packing sows around 10 lower.

Salable cattle 100; calves none; compared Friday last week: fed steers and yearlings strong to 25 higher, all grades yearlings and medium to good grade steers showing most advance, in instances as much as 50 higher; trade closed fairly active after repeated killer efforts early in week to break prices; prime steers reached 15.40, new high on crop; little above 14.00, however, although a few loads brought 14.50-15.15; best yearlings 14.50; bulk 10.00-13.50; all steers selling at 11.50; downward closed active, particularly so on 9.00-11.00 kinds; glutted supply medium to good heifers 50 lower, choice offerings steady to 25 lower, common kinds steady at 7.00-8.00; choice to prime heifers topped at 13.00, but week's excessive supply shortfeds sold at 8.50-10.25; beef cows 15-25 higher; cutters higher early but lost big share advance; bulls 10-15 up, and vealers 25-50 higher.

Salable sheep 1,000; total 1,300; late Friday: fat lambs active, steady to strong, spots shade higher; top 9.35 to shippers on about 3 decks good to choice fed westerns; 78-106 lb weights 9.10-9.25; feeding lambs 8.85-9.00; compared Friday last week: fat lambs regained most early loss and closed about steady; other classes steady; week's top 9.35 to shippers and city butchers, bulk good to choice fed westerns and natives 100 lbs down 9.10-9.25, wheat field lambs late 9.15-9.25; five cars 103-109 lbs fed westerns 8.75-9.10, medi&um to good handyweight lambs 8.65-9.00, good summer shorn 8.40, closely shorn 7.75; good to choice wooled yearlings 8.00-8.50; slaughter ewes all grades 3.50-4.50; range and light comback feeder lambs mostly 8.85-9.25.

TEXAS LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle salable and total 400; calves salable and total 150; market: Saturday's trade nominal. Compared close last week: mature beef steers and most cows around 25c higher; slaughter yearlings uneven with some medium kind lower and others stronger; bulls and calves firm; stockers steady to 25c higher; top mature beef steers 11.00; yearlings 10.50; heifers 10.25; cows 6.75; bulls 6.00; practical top killing calves 9.00; stock steer calves up to 10.75; stock heifer calves 9.50; yearling stock steers 9.00; stock cows 6.75.

Hogs salable 300; total 550; weak to 10c lower than Friday's average; top 6.05; city butchers not operating; good and choice 185-300 lbs 6.00-6.05; good 150 lbs down to 5.25; packing sows steady 5.00-5.25; compared with week ago, good butchers 35c lower.

Sheep salable and total 100; Saturday's trade nominal; compared with last week's close: Fat lambs steady to 25c higher; other classes steady; choice fat lambs topped at 8.75; medium to good wooled lambs 8.00-8.50; wooled yearlings 7.50-7.75; wooled 2-year old wethers 6.75; wooled aged wethers 5.00 down; wooled ewes 3.75;; feeder lambs 6.50-7.50.

MIDDLING COTTON

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—The average price of middling 15-16ths inch cotton Saturday at ten designated southern spot markets was 3 points higher at 9.82 cents a pound; average for the past thirty market days 9.80 cents; middling 7-8ths-inch average 9.61 cents a pound.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 3 to 4 points higher.

	High	Low	Last
January	10.02	10.02	10.02N
March	10.17	10.14	10.13-16
May	10.11	10.07	10.09
July	9.88	9.84	9.86N
October	9.35	9.33	9.34
December	....	....	9.31N

Middling spot 10.36N.

N—Nominal.

KANSAS CITY EGGS

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Eggs, firsts 21, current receipts 20; butterfat 29-31; creamery 33½; poultry unchanged.

FLAX

MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—Flax: No. 1, 1.61-1.65.

STOCK LIST

NEW YORK STOCK LIST (By The Associated Press)

Al Ch & Dye	162½	162	162
Am Can	86¾	86c	86⅝
Am M & Fdy	12⅛	12	12⅛
Am Roll Mill	15	14⅞	15
Am Smelt & R	42⅛	42	42
Am T T	166	165⅞	166
Am Woolen	8¼	8⅛	8⅛
Anaconda	26⅝	26⅜	26½
A T E F	16½	16⅜	16½
Aviation Cor p	4⅜	4½	4½
Barnsdall Oil	8¼	8	8¼
Bendix Av	33⅜	33⅛	33⅛
Beth Stl	85⅛	84¾	85⅛
Borden Co	19	18¾	19
Budd Wheel	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
Callahan Zinc-L	1¼	1⅛	1⅛
Case J I	53¾	53½	53½
Chrysler	75⅞	74⅝	74¾
Col G & El	4½	4⅜	4½
Consol Oil	5¾	5⅝	5¾
Cont Can	37	36½	37
Cont Oil Del	18⅞	18⅝	18⅝
Corn Prods	43⅜	43	43⅜
Curtiss Wri	8⅞	8¾	8⅞
Douglas Airc	76	76	76
El Pow & Lt	3⅞	3¾	3⅞
Freeport Sul	38½	38½	38½
Gen Elec	32½	32⅛	32⅛
Gen Motors	49⅝	49⅜	49⅝
Goodrich	13¾	13⅝	13⅝
Goodyear T R	18¾	18⅝	18¾
Gt Nor Ir Ore Ct	15⅛	15	15
Greyhound Corp	10⅞	10⅝	10⅝
Hudson Motor	4	3⅞	3⅞
Hupp Motor	1½	1½	1½
Int Harvester	51	50¼	50⅞
Int Hydro El A	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞
Johns Manville	59	58½	58½
Kennecott Cop	35½	35	35½
Lorillard P	18¼	17¾	18
Marshall Field	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞
Mid Cont Pet	14¼	14¼	14¼
Mo Kan Tex	5⅜	5⅜	5⅜
Mont Ward	36⅝	36	36
Nash Kely	4¾	4⅝	4⅝
Nat Bis	16⅞	16⅝	16⅞
Nat Dairy	13⅝	13¼	13⅜
Nat Pow & Lt	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
North Amer Co	16⅜	16¼	16⅜
Ohio Oil	6⅞	6⅝	6⅝
Pac Gas & El	28	28	28
Packard Motor	3⅛	3	3⅛
Pan Am Airways	15⅛	14⅝	15⅛
Panhandle P R	2½	2½	2½
Penney J C	83⅜	83⅜	83⅜
Penn RR	22	21⅜	21½
Petrol Corp	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Phelps Dodge	33½	32⅞	32½
Phillips Pet	39⅞	39½	39⅝
Plym Oil	16¾	16¾	16¾
Pure Oil	7¾	7¾	7¾
Radio Corp of Am	4⅜	4½	4⅜
Sears R	77⅜	76½	77⅜
Shell Union Oil	10½	10⅜	10⅜
Simmons Co	19¾	19⅝	19⅝
Soc Vacuum	8¼	8⅛	8¼
Southern Pac	7¾	7½	7¾
Std Brands	6⅜	6⅛	6⅛
Std Oil Cal	18½	18¼	18¼
Std Oil Ind	25⅞	25¾	25⅞
Std Oil NJ	33⅜	33⅛	33½
Stew-Warn	7¼	7⅛	7⅛
Stone & Web	7½	7⅜	7½
Studebaker Corp	8	8	8
Tex Pac Ry	6¾	6¾	6¾
Tex Corp	39¼	38½	39¼
Tex Gulf Sulph	36⅞	36⅛	36⅝
Tex Pac C & O	5¾	5⅝	5¾
Tide Wat A Oil	9¾	9⅝	9⅝
Trans & West Air	17⅛	17¼	17¼
Union Carb	68	67⅞	68
Union Oil Cal	12½	12⅜	12½
United Aire	42½	42	42⅛
United Carbon	47	47	47
United Corp	1¼	1¼	1¼
United Gas Imp	9¼	9⅛	9⅜
U S Rubber	22¼	21⅞	22
U S Steel	68⅜	67⅞	68⅛
Walgreen Co	210	210	210
Warner Bros Pic	3¼	3⅛	3¼
West Union	20⅛	20	20
West El & Mf	102¼	101½	101½
White Motor	16	15⅞	16
Wilson & Co	4½	4⅜	4⅜
Woolworth	30⅞	30½	30½

STOCKS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sales, closing price and net change of the fifteen most active stocks Saturday:

Comwlth & Sou 16,100	¾	No
Cons Oil 9,600	5⅞	+ ⅛
Am Rad Std San 8,600	6⅜	+ ⅛
Radio Keith 8,300	3⅜	— ⅛
United Corp 8,200	1¾	No
Gen Elec 8,200	32⅛	— ½
Socony Vac 6,700	8¼	No
Int Tel & Tel 6,000	2¼	No
Ohio Oil 6,000	6¾	— ⅛
Seaboard Air L 5,600	⅛	No
US Steel 5,600	68⅝	+ ⅛
Gen Mot 5,300	49⅝	+ ⅛
Cons Laund 5,000	2¼	— ½
North Am Co 4,600	16⅜	+ ⅛
Std Oil NJ 4,400	33½	+ ⅛

NEW YORK CURB

Am Cyan B	35⅞	35½	35½
Am Gas & El	28⅛	28¾	28⅞
Ark Nat Gas A	1¾	1¾	1¾
Bath Iron Wks	24⅛	23⅞	24½
Bell Aire	22⅜	21½	21⅞
Bellanca Aire	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
Brewst Aero	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
Bridgpt Mach	1½	1½	1½
Cities Service	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Crocker-Wh El M	6¼	5¾	6¼
Eagle Pich	10½	10½	10½
El Bond & Sh	3⅞	3¾	3¾
Gulf Oil	32	31½	31⅞
Humble Oil	63¾	63½	63½
Lone Star Gas	9¼	9¼	9¼
Niag Hud Pow	3½	3	3
Okla Nat Gas	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝
Todd Shipyds	93	91¼	93
Unit Gas	20⅞	20¾	20¾
Unit Lt & Pow A	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Hongkong dollar rose nearly 1-20 cent to 23.82 United States cents in the free foreign exchange market Saturday.

Other major rates, including sterling at $4.04 and the Canadian dollar at 86¾ cents, were unchanged.

Closing rates follow (Great Britain in dollars ,others in cents).

Canada

Official Canadian Control Board rates for U. S. dollars: buying 10 per cent premium, selling 11 per cent premium, equivalent to discounts on Canadian dollars in New York of buying 9.91 per cent, selling 9.09 per cent. Canadian dollar in New York open market 13¼ per cent discount or 86.75 U. S. cents.

Europe

Great Britain, official (Bankers Foreign Exchange Committee rates), buying $4.02, selling $4.04; open market, cables $4.04; Germany 40.07N (benevolent) 18.50; Finland 2.05N; Greece .68N; Hungary 19.77N; Italy 5.06; Portugal 4.01; Sweden 23.85; Switzerland 23.21; Yugoslavia 2

Screen Calendar NEWS OF LATEST MOTION PICTURES Current Films

Madeleine Carroll and Gary Cooper co-starred in Cecil B. DeMille's technicolor screen production, "Northwest Mounted Police," booked for extended four day engagements starting next Saturday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville, the Palace Theatre in McAllen and the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

VALLEY SCREEN CALENDAR

CAPITOL THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Lew Ayres, Laraine Day and Lionel Barrymore in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis" with Robert Young.

CHRISTMAS EVE 9 O'CLOCK SHOW: Gloria Jean and Robert Stack in "A Little Bit Of Heaven" with Hugh Herbert, Stuart Erwin, Eugene Pallette.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr in "Comrade X" with Oscar Homolka, Felix Bressart and Eve Arden.

FOUR DAYS STARTING SATURDAY: Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll in Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" with Paulette Goddard, Robert Preston, George Bancroft and Lynne Overman. Filmed in Technicolor.

QUEEN THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY: George Raft and Ann Sheridan in "They Drive By Night" with Humphrey Bogart.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: The Story of the Life of Christ presented in the "Passion Play."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Dennis O'Keefe and Constance Moore in "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now" with Helen Parrish and Lewis Howard.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Bob Steele and Bob Livingston in "Under Texas Skies" with Rufe Davis.

RIVOLI THEATRE, SAN BENITO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in "Bitter Sweet" with Felix Bressart. Filmed in Technicolor.

TUESDAY ONLY: Ann Shirley and James Ellison in "Anne Of Windy Poplars."

CHRISTMAS EVE MDNIGHT SHOW: Wayne Morris and Rosemary Lane in "Ladies Must Live."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Alice Faye, Jackie Oakie, Betty Grable and John Payne in "Tin Pan Alley" with Allen Jenkins.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Lucille Ball and Richard Carlson in George Abbott's "Too Many Girls" with Ann Miller.

ARCADIA THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Groucho, Harpo and Chico Marx in "Go West" with John Carroll and Diana Lewis.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT SHOW: Franchot Tone, Peggy Moran, Warren William in "Trail Of The Vigilantes" with Brod Crawford, Mischa Auer and Andy Devine.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr in "Comrade X" with Oscar Homolka, Felix Bressart and Eve Arden.

FOUR DAYS STARTING SATURDAY: Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll in Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" with Paulette Goddard, Robert Preston, George Bancroft and Lynne Overman. Filmed in Technicolor.

RIALTO THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: The Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Friendly Neighbors."

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Reginald Gardner, Terry Kilburn and Ann Rutherford in Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." with Gene Lockhart.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Gloria Jean and Robert Stack in "A Little Bit Of Heaven" with Hugh Herbert, Stuart Erwin, Eugene Pallette and Billy Gilbert.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Roy Rogers and Jacqueline Wells in "Young Bill Hickok" with George "Gabby" Hayes.

STRAND THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Rosalind Russell, Virginia Bruce and Brian Aherne in "Hired Wife" with Robert Benchley.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Lew Ayres, Laraine Day and Lionel Barrymore in "Dr. Kildare Goes Home" with Nat Pendleton.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy in "Boom Town" with Claudette Colbert, Hedy Lamarr and Frank Morgan.

SATURDAY ONLY: "El Tiempos De Don." (Spanish Language Film.)

STATE THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall and James Stephenson.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Judy Garland and George Murphy in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Charles Winninger.

STARTS SATURDAY: Kay Kyser and His Band in "You'll Find Out" with Peter Lorre, Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Helen Parrish and Ginny Simms.

REX THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY ONLY: George Brent in "Adventures in Diamonds" with Isa Miranda.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Wayne Morris and Rosemary Lane in "An Angel From Texas."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Dennis Morgan in James Oliver Curwood's "River's End."

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Charles Starrett in "Thundering Frontier."

RITZ THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Judy Garland and George Murphy in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Charles Winninger.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Kay Kyser and His Band in "You'll Find Out" with Peter Lorre, Bela Lugosi, Boris Karloff and Ginny Simms.

STARTS SATURDAY: Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr in "Comrade X" with Felix Bressart, Eve Arden and Oscar Homolka.

GEM THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY ONLY: The Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Grand Old Opry."

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Martha Raye and Charlie Ruggles in "The Farmer's Daughter."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Richard Dix in "Cherokee Strip" with Florence Rice.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: The Three Mesquiteers in "Trail Blazers."

PALACE THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Judy Garland and George Murphy in George M. Cohan's "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Charles Winninger.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT PREVIEW: Kay Kyser and His Band in "You'll Find Out" with Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Peter Lorre and Ginny Simms.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Kay Kyser and His Band in "You'll Find Out" with Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Peter Lorre and Ginny Simms.

FOUR DAYS STARTING SATURDAY: Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll in Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" with Paulette Goddard, Robert Preston, George Bancroft and Lynne Overman. Filmed in Technicolor.

QUEEN THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY ONLY: The Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Grand Old Opry."

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Anne Shirley and James Ellison in "Anne Of Windy Poplars."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Gene Autry, Ann Miller and Jimmy Durante in "Melody Ranch" with George "Gabby" Hayes, Mary Lee and Barton MacLane.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Three Men From Texas" with Andy Clyde and Russell Hayden.

Ginny Simms, Kay Kyser and Helen Parrish in "You'll Find Out," booked for showing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at both the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and the Palace Theatre in McAllen; starting Saturday for a two day engagement at the State Theatre in Mercedes and for a special midnight preview at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, next Saturday.

Current Films

LAUGHING DAYS are here again! The Marx Brothers, Groucho, Harpo and Chico, are on the loose again in their newest melody and gag-laden tornado of hilarity "Go West" which is currently showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

Laid in the old west of the 1870s the film rushes from one situation to another with the speed of a pony express rider with the story and parts of the musical score carried by handsome John Carroll and cuties Diana Lewis and June McCloy and the skullduggery handled by Robert Barrat, Walter Woolf King and George Lessey.

From the opening sequence in a railroad station where slicker Groucho is made a sucker by Chico and Harpo, right through merriment in a stagecoach, a western saloon, a parlor with three lovely charmers, an Indian village and all over the wide open spaces, clear up to a whirlwind finish on board of a rambling 1870 train, the picture is one big laugh.

ROBERT YOUNG IN NEW KILDARE FILM

THERE'S A NEW FACE in the Dr. Kildare series of pictures as Robert Young joins with Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore and Laraine Day in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis," scheduled for showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

Continuing the adventures of young Jimmy Kildare, the newest in the series tells what happens when the brother of Jimmy's fiancee turns up with symptoms of epilepsy just in time to break up the wedding plans of Jimmy and Mary. But Dr. Gillespie straightens the whole thing out for them.

Nat Pendleton, Walter Kingsford, Alma Kruger and Bobs Watson head the supporting cast.

"LITTLE NELLIE KELLY" IS ROMANTIC HIT

LOVELY JUDY GARLAND, who intrigued and charmed millions in "Strike Up The Band" and many other lilting musicals, wins new laurels for her excellent acting ability in the picturization of George M. Cohan's romantic musical hit "Little Nellie Kelly," which is booked for current showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at both the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco, and the Palace Theatre in McAllen, and at the State Theatre in Mercedes, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

POPULAR CO-STARS SEEN IN NEW FILM

THE MUSIC of Noel Coward finds its perfect interpreters in Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in the picturization of the Coward operetta "Bitter Sweet," which is booked for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

The stars were never in better voice and never sang in a more colorful setting, for the Gay Nineties period in which the story is set in brilliantly reproduced in Technicolor.

Miss MacDonald is seen as Sarah Millick, Victorian belle, who on the eve of her wedding, elopes with her singing teacher, Carl Linden, played by Eddy. Both roles are enacted with complete ease and conviction by the stars, who are called on for no exaggerated dramatics but appear entirely natural as musicians. Miss MacDonald displays her dancing ability to gay advantage and Eddy shows his musical versatility by playing piano and violin as well as leading the orchestra on occasion.

Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr with Felix Bressart in the screen's new romantic comedy, "Comrade X," booked for showing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at both the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen and the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco for a two day engagement, starting next Saturday.

GARY COOPER IN NEW FILM

'Mounted Police' At Valley Theatres

GARY COOPER and Madeleine Carroll, cast in the sort of romantic roles which brought them to screen fame—he as Dusty Rivers, a Texas Ranger, and she as April Logan, a gallant nurse—are the starring duo who head the huge cast of Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" which is scheduled for a four-day extended engagement starting next Saturday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and the Palace Theatre in McAllen.

In keeping with the magnitude of his stars, DeMille has assembled an outstanding group of starring players. Heading the list are Paulette Goddard, cast as Louvette, fascinating, tempestuous Indian girl; and Preston Foster and Robert Preston as Sergeant Jim Brett and Ronnie Logan, Mounted Policemen. Among the others are Akim Tamiroff, as Duroc; Lynne Overman in a comedy role as Tod McDuff; George Bancroft as the chiefest heavy, Corobeau; Lon Chaney, Jr., as a half-breed Metis; and Walter Hampden as Chief Big Bear.

Always one to choose an important theme for his pictures, DeMille has elected to demonstrate the fortitude and courage of the Mounted in this picture. As a basis for his plot, he has selected the famous Riel incident—the attempt of one Louis Riel, played by Francis McDonald in the picture, and thousands of half-breeds under his leadership to run the Mounted Police out of Canada and to govern themselves.

'THE THREE MESQUITEERS'

A new Three Mesquiteers, Bob Steele, Bob Livingston and Rufe Davis appear in "Under Texas Skies' which is showing Friday and Saturday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

'A Christmas Carol' At Rialto Theatre

The finest story of the Yuletide season, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, comes to the screen of the Rialto Theatre in Harlingen for showing Monday and Tuesday. Important roles are played by Reginald Gardiner, Terry Kilburn, Gene Lockhart and Ann Rutherford.

"A Christmas Carol" is a film that you will long remember and which will bring you laughs, tears, heart-tugs and the real meaning of Christmas.

GEM
WESLACO
SUNDAY ONLY
THE WEAVER BROTHERS AND ELVIRY
IN
"GRAND OLD OPRY"

REX
MERCEDES
SUNDAY ONLY
GEORGE BRENT
IN
"ADVENTURE IN DIAMONDS"
WITH
ISA MIRANDA

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Little Nellie Kelly
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A GREAT ACTRESS ... in a story perfectly fitting her talent!
Dear Geoffrey: Tonight? LC
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"THEY DRIVE BY NIGHT"
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IN
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MARX BROS
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5 BIG SONG HITS! "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water" "Woodpecker Song" "As If I Didn't Know" "You Can't Argue With Love" "Ridin' the Range"
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Original Screen Play by Irving Brecher
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Produced by Jack Cummings
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SUNDAY thru Tuesday
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Young Dr. Kildare's most baffling case ... and his greatest romantic adventure! All new! All thrill!
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"IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH"
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"PRETTY GIRL MILKING HER COW"
"NELLIE KELLY, I LOVE YOU"
"NELLIE IS A DARLIN'"

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RECORD RAINS CAUSED BY GULF STORM

Nazis Hint War With U. S. If Britain Is Given Foreign Ships Tied Up Here

ASK ENVOYS BE RECALLED FOR SPYING

Gravest Crisis Of War Indicated Now

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

BERLIN—(AP)—An official spokesman of the German foreign office charged Saturday that Britain's minister of shipping was "inciting America to commit a warlike act" against the Axis and, in carefully chosen words, added that the United States' reaction "is being awaited by Germany with extraordinary interest."

The occasion for this solemn and emotional statement was a press conference weighted with gravity; the reason, an interview given the American press in London Friday by Ronald Cross, the British shipping minister, who suggested assignment of the British of the German and Italian ships which are tied up in neutral United States harbors.

Vitally Interested

The German spokesman, in an aside, added: "The Reichs government is therefore centering its entire attention upon this (United States) reaction."

(Informed but unofficial political sources in Rome said delivery of Axis ships to Britain by the United States would be "unfriendly" and "unneutral" and expressed confidence it would not happen.)

Nearly coinciding with the foreign office conference, it was announced officially that the German government has asked the United States state department to recall three members of the staff of the United States embassy in Paris on charges that they helped a British officer to escape.

These three are Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, formerly of Asheville, N. C., a receptionist who recently was detained for several days of German military occupation authorities in Paris; Cecil M. P. Cross,

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VALLEY RIVER BRIDGE SOLD

Miller To Sign Final Papers Monday

McALLEN—Sam L. Miller of McAllen announced Saturday that he had purchased a controlling interest in the Valley Bridge Co., which has just completed a new suspension bridge across the Rio Grande between Reynosa and Hidalgo.

The announcement confirmed rumors which had been heard concerning the transaction for several weeks but not previously authenticated.

A contract to purchase controlling stock of the bridge company was executed 10 days ago, Miller said. Final legal papers closing the deal will be signed Monday.

No Sellers Named

Miller made the announcement from his home here, where he has been confined with a mild attack of influenza. The former bank president declined to reveal names of the stockholders from whom he purchased his interest.

Miller's interest in the international bridge at Hidalgo is of long standing. Earlier this year he had announced his intention of seeking permission to build a self-liquidating bridge adjacent to the present structure which would be donated to the state highway department as a free bridge after investors in the project had been paid back out of tolls.

Miller went so far as to obtain title to land adjoining the present bridge site and to revive an old company formed some 15 years ago which owned a bridge permit, granted by congress but never utilized. His plan for a competing bridge apparently was shelved when Miller was able to purchase control of the present structure.

New Construction

Concurrent with his bridge announcement, Miller revealed that plans have been prepared and are ready for submission on to the government for building new accommodations for the customs, immigration and public health services at Hidalgo. As soon as these plans are approved, construction will begin.

The new suspension bridge which cost about $120,000, was opened for traffic only a week ago. Workmen are still putting finishing touches on the bridge sidewalks. The new bridge replaces a pontoon bridge which has been in use more than a year, since the old suspension bridge fell into the river. The old bridge fell on November 12, 1939, killing one motorist who was driving across. Since the new bridge opened, traffic betwee Mexico and this country has increased 30 per cent, bridge authorities have reported.

Another Star Is Born

'Christmas Star' New Comet, Seen In West

AUSTIN—(AP)—Adding to the Yuletide illumination displays is a brilliant comet which will be visible to the naked eye from now until January 13, flaring brightest about January 1.

Dr. Otto Struve, director of the University of Texas McDonald Observatory, reported Saturday the comet will be visible just after sundown immediately above—and its tail pointed away from—the western horizon.

Texas and University of Chicago astronomers have arranged three sets of cooperative observations bearing on the comet which has been dubbed Comet Cunningham after its discoverer, a Harvard University astronomer.

Xmas Business Soars

Best Since 1929 Predicted As Money Flows In Steady Stream; Defense Program Aids

By The Associated Press

Big Christmas shopping crowds rolled up substantial trade gains in a war-time spending splurge at busy industrial centers, a nation-wide survey showed.

Many merchants reported the best Christmas trade since 1929 as workers from defense-stimulated industries poured their extra pay into retail channels. Some said the buying broke all records.

Increased factory employment and over-time wages in the drive to speed defense output augmented the buying power of millions. Government figures indicated national income this year had climbed at least $4,000,000,000 above the 1939 total.

Jones Is Optimistic

Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones said the 1940 holiday retail business probably would "shadow all previous records." He credited the defense program with stimulating the industrial upswing in recent months and noted 2,300,000 workers had been added to payrolls in non-farm jobs since February.

Latest reports indicated the rising of employment was still on as defense planners sought to quicken the productive pace of war plants. Huge unfilled orders for both U. S. and British account were held an assurance of high factory activity for months ahead, even without further boost in armament spending.

Improvement Widespread

Retail trade improvement seemed to be widely distributed through the country but the most emphatic reports of year-to-year gains came from industrial and military training centers, where government payrolls infused new life into business.

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Money Flows But Inflation Is Not Expected

By IRVING PERLMETER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Like firemen who purchase equipment for fighting a catastrophic blaze which may never develop, administration economists are devising methods of combatting inflation from the multi-billion dollar defense program, although saying they do not expect it.

Officials Not Alarmed

Admittedly, the current situation, with the government putting unprecedented sums of money in circulation in the acquisition of weapons, contains elements tending to increase prices. After prolonged study, however, the professional economists in the government are of the opinion that there is no real threat of inflation.

In general, here are their tentative conclusions:

1. There will be slightly higher prices and greater mass spending power in terms of dollars (although those dollars may not buy as much as at present).

2. After a decade of depression, the country can stand such a mild inflation, if it can be called that; perhaps ought to have it.

3. If real inflation threatens, it can be checked.

Over-simplified, what causes an inflation is this: When money is plentiful, a large number of would-be buyers bid against each other for a desired article and boost the price. The seller, naturally, will take all he can get.

May Force Savings

One of the methods tne economists have discussed for preventing this situation is government compulsion to force people to save part of their money instead of spending it. In England, this method is practically in operation already, except that moral and patriotic pressure has been substituted for government edicts in coercing the people to save.

Usually, this method has been defined as a law requiring citizens to put a portion of their earnings in the bank each week or month.

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Waive Strike Right

NEW YORK—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover declared Saturday night that employers and employes in essential war industries should waive their respective rights of lockout and strike "in favor of arbitration."

Hal Kemp Dies

Swingmaster Victim Of Auto Crash

MADERA, Calif.—(AP)—Hal Kemp, the swingmaster, who aspired to be a symphony conductor, died here Saturday.

The 36-year-old bandmaster died from pneumonia which developed from injuries he received in an automobile accident near here Wednesday.

It was Kemp's orchestra that the Duke of Windsor often danced to in London clubs when he was Prince of Wales. One night the prince played the drums in Kemp's band.

DEFENSE GOAL IS OUTLINED BY KNUDSEN

Maximum Production Sacrifices Urged

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The new defense high command Saturday set as its goal maximum production "in every field which can contribute to victory" and asked for cooperation of "every element in the American community."

The expression of purpose was made by William S. Knudsen, director of the office for production management of the defense commission, in a statement at the close of a day which saw these concrete steps in the rearmament program: Extension of the export control system to 15 additional items, including chemicals useful in production of war gases and aviation gasoline.

Navy Orders Placed

Placing of navy orders totalling $284,218,700 for submarine chasers and auxiliary vessels, included were four ships designed for placing anti-submarine nets at entrances to strategic harbors.

Selection of a site at Tulsa, Okla., for a plant which will assemble planes from parts made in automobile factories. Similar plants already have been allocated to Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo.

Award of a $6,756,399 contract to the Hercules Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., for operation and equipment of a powder bag loading plant near Pulaski, Va. This plant will operate in connection with the $36,000,000 powder plant the same firm is building for the government at Radford, Va.

"Recognize Full Crisis"

Knudsen asked the American people to recognize "the full gravity of the crisis" in the world and "figuratively to pull off their coats and roll up their sleeves and give their concentrated, undivided attention to one thing—the swiftest possible production of means of defense."

He said "the contest which produced this crisis is irreconcilable in character and cannot be terminated by any methods of appeasement."

"Both the future security of the

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British Shoot Down 144 Italian Planes

LONDON—(AP)—The British, using Adolf Hitler's own blitzkrieg tactics, knocked out "at least" 144 Italian planes in the first 12 days of their North African offensive while losing only 13 of their own, the air ministry news service reported Saturday night.

Eighty-eight of the Fascist planes, the news service said, were shot down in the air and 56 destroyed on the ground or captured. Pilots of five of the 13 British planes lost were reported safe.

Italy To Take Suez?

ROME—(AP)—The Suez, as the vital point in the Mediterranean, "will be reached by Italian troops" despite "the violent shock" in Libya, the Fascist weekly Relazioni Internazionali declared Saturday.

Moderate Disturbance Located As Downpours Close Valley Roads

RAINS SLATED TO INCREASE FRUIT PRICES

Growers Warned To Expect More

By HARRY FOEHNER

HARLINGEN—The Valley is all set to reap big dividends from this week's rains although suffering temporary discomfort from the dreary drizzle which persisted far into the night Saturday with prospects for more Sunday.

Although the rains held up harvesting of fruit intended for holiday gift packages, thus depriving many of their Christmas grapefruit and oranges, there already was a noticeable reaction in the markets to prospects for curtailed supplies for at least a week and possibly two. Shippers with fruit in their houses were already reporting better prices.

Vegetables Helped

Vegetable crops were expected to benefit and range lands to become covered with verdant grass for grazing.

"This is a good time of the year to stop, look and listen instead of shipping out fruit in great quantities and the enforced harvesting holiday will do the market a lot of good," said William A. Brunton, sales manager for the Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange at Weslaco. We have always felt the demand was going to come after the first of the year or after February 1."

The exchange has sent out bulletins to its member associations asking them to be very cautious in the harvesting of fruit not only to prevent a heavy movement to market but also to prevent trouble which usually develops when wet fruit is shipped. Decay sets in much

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Nazi Guns Fire On Kentish Coastline

DOVER, Eng.—(AP)—The big German guns of Cap Gris Nez opened fire across the Straits of Dover Saturday shortly after 9 p. m. (2 p. m. CST), breaking a week's silence.

The shelling was heavy. Towns on the Kentish coast were shaken by the crash of the shells, coming at 3-minute intervals for a quarter of an hour.

Army Uses Objectors

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Plans are being worked out, draft headquarters said Saturday, to employ conscientious objectors to military service on reforestation and soil conservation projects.

1940 Sir Walter Raleigh

No, chivalry is not dead these days. But it's changed. Sir Walter Raleigh threw his cape in the mud for a queen to step on, but the 1940 Sir Walter Raleigh picks up his queen and carries her through the mud and water. For example, note the couple above, photographed on Harlingen's main street Saturday during the record rain. (Photo by Jack Purnell.)

PORT ISABEL ISOLATED BY HIGH WATER

Heaviest Rains Since 1939 Hit Area

HARLINGEN — A steady downpour which has already exceeded all other rains since the 1933 hurricane continued to fall at midnight Saturday as the U. S. Weather Bureau said a moderate tropical disturbance located in the Gulf of Mexico was to blame and raised storm warnings from Brownsville to Corpus Christi.

So heavy has been the rain during the past 72 hours that Saturday motorists were warned against trying to reach Port Isabel. The highway between Los Fresnos and the port is under several feet of water. Later Saturday water covered the highway between Los Fresnos and Barreda, and travel was impractical over that route.

Continued rainfall was predicted for Sunday and Monday. No change in temperature is expected.

Storm Warnings Raised

The weather bureau advisory read: "Northwest storm warnings ordered 9 p. m., Brownsville to Corpus Christi, and small craft warnings indicated north of Corpus Christi to Port Eads, La. Disturbance of apparently moderate intensity located in central portions of the west Gulf of Mexico, apparently moving slowly eastward or east-northeastward will be attended by strong northwesterly winds on the Lower Texas coast and fresh to occasionally strong north and northeast winds on the upper Texas and Louisiana coasts tonight and Sunday."

W. J. Schnurbusch, Brownsville Weather Bureau chief, said barometer reading was puzzling. Although high Saturday night, it had climbed and dropped erratically during the afternoon. He indicated the storm was similar to a summer disturbance. He said it was of moderate intensity.

Port Isabel residents were advised to stay at home as strong winds and unusually high waves accompanied the rain there. Persons living on piers moved ashore. All boast were tied up in the channel as the weather became worse Friday night. Only incident

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CRASH KILLS VALLEY MAN

Edinburg Hunter Dies At Monterrey

EDINBURG—Badly injured when the car in which he was returning from a Tampico hunting trip plunged off a highway embankment 25 miles south of Monterrey, Joe Baldridge, 34-year-old Edinburg finance firm operator, died at a hospital in the latter Mexican city Saturday morning.

A. Y. Baker, Jr., and Tommy Faires, both of Edinburg, who were with Baldridge, sustained only minor injuries.

Baker and Faires will return to Reynosa by train Sunday afternoon, they informed Baker's brother, Gillespie, of Edinburg, Saturday by telephone.

Baldridge's body remains at Monterrey.

Driver Is Blinded

The accident took place, the brother was told, when the Edinburg car met another at a narrow, gravelled curve on the highway. Blinded by the lights of the approaching car, the Edinburg driver moved his car too close to the edge of the road and it tumbled over and down the embankment. How far it fell was not learned.

One of Baldridge's ears was almost torn off and he sustained other head injuries.

Wait 2 Hoours

The men were forced to wait for more than two hours on the highway before a passing Monterrey-bound motorist picked them up and took them to that city. A few moments after a doctor at the hospital began to treat Baldridge, the Edinburg man died. He had never lost consciousness.

Among his survivors are Dair Baldridge of Edinburg, prominent produce shipper, and Ray Baldridge, who operates a recreation hall here. There are several other brothers and sisters, in addition to his mother, who resides at Lyford but who was visiting in Edinburg at the time news of the fatal accident was received.

No local funeral arrangements had been announced.

The party of three Edinburg men had left last Monday on the Tampico trip. They were due to arrive here on the return trip Saturday afternoon, having planned to reach Monterrey early Saturday morning.

INVASION WEATHER

DOVER, England—(AP)—Searchlights from both sides of the Strait of Dover swept the starry sky Saturday night. Parachute flares gleamed over the French coast. Mist curtained the waters of the English channel off Calais and Cape Gris Nez.

Sheriff Pleads For Safety On Roads

EDINBURG—An appeal to Valley drivers to remove the sting of death from their Christmas celebrations came Saturday from Hidalgo county's sheriff, R. T. (Bob) Daniel.

In a warning against holiday traffic accidents, the sheriff pointed to the excessive death toll on Valley highways already this year—now standing at 83—and claimed that serious attention should center on safety during the light-hearted Yule period.

Pavements Slick

Especially in view of week-end weather conditions, Daniel said extra precautions should be taken by all drivers against accidents on slick pavement.

"Let's pay some attention to the children, too," he urged. "Thousands of them are out of school for the holidays, and their safety is our responsibility if we are going to drive our cars." Daniel expressed the hope that un-

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TROOPS GUARD IN MATAMOROS

Reason For Calling Out Men Vague

MATAMOROS — Federal troops were stationed Saturday night outside the Matamoros city hall, to prevent possible disorder, after being called by Mayor Francisco Zarate. No disorders had occurred in the city Saturday, and exact purpose of the troops was not disclosed.

Agrarians of the vicinity, however, had supported candidacy of Antonio De Leon, declared by state congress of Tamaulipas Saturday to have been elected mayor of Matamoros in December 1 election. Whether fear of possible agrarian coup d'etat was cause of the presence of the troops was not revealed.

Mayor Zarate had unofficially backed candidacy of Tomas Saro, supposed to be PRM candidate for the place. De Leon was an independent candidate. Earlier Saro had claimed victory.

Committee of five Tamaulipas congressmen had watched the election, and Saturday made their report to the congress in special session, held by Attorney General Jacobo Martinez, provisional governor in absence of Governor Marte R. Gomez. The congress Saturday declared De Leon the winner, issuing certificate signed by Martinez.

GREEKS TAKE NEW HEIGHTS

War Material Seized In Saturday Drive

ATHENS —(AP)— Greek forces pushing deeper into Albania have captured new fortified heights in the Tepeleni-Klisura sectors and have taken 300 prisoners and a quantity of war material, a government spokesman reported Saturday night.

He declared the Greeks also were continuing their advance in other sectors, especially in the coastal region toward Chimara.

Important Italian positions also were taken in the north beyond Pogradetz, the spokesman said.

Concrete Forts Fall

"Fascist positions on the mountain heights naturally are strong and fortified also by concrete but these machine gun nests have been abandoned under the bayonets of charging Greeks."

British-Greek forces in close collaboration were reported to have struck sharply against Italy by land, sea and air.

British fliers participated in two of these, directly in their own attacks at Italy's home and Albanian bases and in support of Greek troops in the front lines.

By air—RAF bombers based in Greece were said to have bombed oil tanks and railways overnight at the Italian port of Brindisi, across the Adriatic Sea from Albania, setting off "large fires" and "several explosions."

Also, the RAF reported attacks

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Finn Ship Arrives

NEW YORK— (AP) —The Finnish freighter Carolina Thorden, pock-marked with the machine-gun bullets of a Nazi warplane and carrying the rescued crew of the mined Greek freighter Dionssios Stathaos, dropped anchor in the lower bay Saturday.

Princess Mary Talks

NEW YORK—(AP)—Princess Mary, of England, president of the British Girl Guides, will make her first trans-Atlantic radio broadcast at 9:45 a. m. (CST) Sunday over the network of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Toys, Candy, Bits Of Tinsel Litter London Streets As Christmas Celebrants Killed In Night Air Raid

BRITISH RUSH EXTRA FORCES

Italians Making Final Stand At Bardia

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—The British moved more reinforcements Saturday to Bardia, besieged Libyan port where the Italians are making their first real stand against Britain's 13-day-old North African campaign.

The town now has been cut off for two days with the best part of two Italian divisions inside and British guns turned on it from land and sea. Field forces are reported officially to be striking beyond that smoking stronghold toward the important Fascist base of Torbruk, clearing areas to the west and northwest.

Fight To Finish?

Whether Bardia's beleaguered Italians intend to fight to the finish or surrender is a question to which there was no answer so far from British military sources.

The Fascists, it was pointed out, may have instructions to hold on as long as possible to give Marshal Rodolfo Graziani time to reorganize his scattered forces farther west—at Tobruk, for instance, which has strong defenses.

Bardia also is strongly defended and British headquarters indicated

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Pigs Create Panic

BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—Three pigs flying swastika flags were set loose on elegant Florida street Saturday, causing a mild panic. Police rounded up the pigs but could not learn who loosed them.

Tenement Packed With Poor Celebrating Holidays Leveled By Huge Bomb

By The Associated Press

LONDON—An undetermined number of Londoners who had been holding parties to celebrate the coming of Christmas were killed Saturday night in a tenement house smashed by a German bomb.

In the street outside lay bits of tinsel and a star from atop a Christmas tree. Amidst the rubble of furniture, bricks, children's toys and Christmas decorations lay bodies in their respectable "Sunday best."

Men and women who a little while before had been singing carols and exchanging Christmas puddings and candy stood dumbly about the ruins.

Like "Hammer Blow"

"It came like a hammer blow," one man said. "My wife and I were out in the kitchen fixing some food. Inside they were singing 'God Rest Ye, Merrie Gentlemen' and laughing and shouting. Suddenly we heard that awful whoosh of a falling bomb. Thank God my kids are with their grandmother in the country.

"There's what's left of the party," he said with a gesture at the broken homes.

There had been parties all around the district, some in air raid shelters and others in homes. When the sirens sounded most of the people

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Pun-Loving Felons Stage Play At Pen

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—"Stars in stripes of 1940"—that's the name some pun-loving prisoner has selected for the annual Christmas play at Ohio penitentiary.

The program for the presentation describes it as a "colossal collection of scintillating songs, gorgeous gags, delirious dances, magnificent music. One hundred men—100—count 'em."

AIR INVASION IS EXPECTED

English Prepare For Parachute Troops

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON—(AP)—Expectation of a new, formidable threat of invasion from the air was widely supported Saturday night by responsible military and air sources who declared that Germany would send over an enlarged Luftwaffe and thousands of parachute troops in an attempt to beat Britain to her knees before spring.

The air correspondent of the well-informed Sunday Times said that the "new threat as forecast by Lord Beaverbrook comes more plainly from the air," an opinion backed by neutral and British air sources. Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, warned Britain this week against letting down her guard.

May Come By Night

These sources suggested that the comparative immunity of night bombers over Britain probably may be encouraging the Germans to try landing by parachutists and aerial troops transports at night.

Observers remark hopefully that

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BLOODY XMAS IS FORECAST ON US ROADS

50 Fatalities Seen This Week-End

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN —(AP)— The bloodiest Christmas on record was predicted in 1940 traffic fatalities over last year.

The upward trend probably will continue, they opined gloomily, because of heavy Christmas traffic which normally takes the year's biggest few-day toll.

49 Last Year

Christmas week-end last year claimerd 49 lives, leading to a forecast of a possible 50 fatalities on Dec. 24 and 25 this year.

In hopes of upsetting their prophecy, 200 highway patrolmen will climb into cars at daybreak Dec. 24 and begin a 48-hour vigil along some 20,000 miles of arteries on which accidents are most frequent.

1733 More Deaths

Death probably will put new names on the record of 1940 highway slaughter which is now only 38 persons short of 1939's toll of 1,583. Indications were for 1,733 or more deaths this year which would be the largest since a record breaking 2,043 in 1937.

Surveying the 11-month record, officers found Dallas leading the big city group in safety results with 17 fatalities or 5.80 per 100,000 population, based on 1940 census. Houston followed with 49 blots on its record, a rate of 12.69.

Bracket Rankings

Rankings in the 50,001-100,000 population bracket included Amarillo 3 and 5.83; Corpus Christi 4 and 6.96; El Paso 8 and 8.27; Waco 12 and 21.49.

Tyler led cities in the 25,001-50,000 group with no deaths. Other records: Laredo 2 and 5.14; Port Arthur 3 and 6.59; San Angelo 2 and 7.75; Wichita Falls 5 and 11.13; Lubbock 5 and 15.83; Abilene 6 and 21.89.

City Records

Denison, Corsicana, University Park, Pampa, Bryan and Sweetwater tied for first with spotless records in the small cities rankings.

Other records: Big Spring 1 and 7.93; Brownsville 2 and 9.03; Borger 1 and 9.69; Paris 2 and 10.72; Temple 2 and 13; Harlingen 2 and 15.10; Marshall 3 and 16.30; McAllen 2 and 16.90; Longview 3 and 21.79; Greenville 5 and 36.20.

Downpour Fills Harlingen Streets Level

Building a Mississippi levee to keep West Harrison street floodwaters from entering the Valley Tire Store the photographer caught T. O. Potter wielding a shovel late Saturday evening. With water over the sidewalk in the 600 block of Harrison every passing car would send a miniature tidal wave into business houses along the block.

The young lady pictured above crossing the alley on A street, between Jackson and Van Buren, seems to have found a fur coat and fur turban most practical for braving Saturday's rain. In a mad dash between the raindrops she didn't give the photographer time to get her name, much less her phone number.

DEFENSE GOAL IS OUTLINED

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United States and the total defense for our democratic principles in this world wide contest," he continued, "demand that every resource of capital and management and maximum effort on the part of labor shall be ceaselessly employed to provide means of defense against attack.

"The office of production management has but one mission—production—production to the maximum of American resources in capital and labor, in management and industry, in every field which can contribute to victory."

Export Control Extended

The extension of the export control system by order of President Roosevelt took in cobalt, various plastic moulding and testing machines, equipment and plans for producing aviation lubricating oil, and bromine, ethylene, ethylene dibromide and methylamine.

The action does not automatically bar export of these products, but requires a government license before they can be sent from the country. Previously, the licensing system had been applied to 58 products including aviation gasoline and scrap iron.

Saturday's additions were described officially as "for the purpose of perfecting" previous lists.

Bromine is a heavy liquid useful for poison warfare gas. Combined with ethylene, it is used to make ethylene dibromide, which in turn is used in making the ethyl fluid which is an ingredient of aviation gasolines.

Just Precautionary

Exports of those chemicals have been relatively insignificant, an official said. One person expressed the belief that their addition to the list may have been a precautionary measure. Japan has been a purchaser of the chemicals.

Thirty-one vessels were included in the navy's contracts for auxiliaries and while the navy did not disclose the number or size of the submarine chasers ordered, the terms of the announcement indicated about 30 of the small craft were involved.

In connection with the auxiliary building program, the navy announced it had agreed to pay $6,000,000 for additional facilities at five shipyards.

In addition to the four net layers, the auxiliary vessels ordered included two mine layers, 13 seaplane tenders, three destroyer tenders, two submarine tenders, five submarine rescue vessels and two repair ships. The submarine rescue craft are the first to be built by the navy specifically for that purpose. Vessels now doing that work were converted from other types.

Santa Claus Flies

BOSTON—(AP)—Hauled through the skies by a spinning propeller instead of a prancing reindeer team, Santa Claus flies again tomorrow to bring Christmas to the isolated men who from New England's lonely lighthouses keep shipping safe.

RAID HITS XMAS FUN IN LONDON

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stayed in their houses, believing it would be just another "light night."

Then They Were Dead

Then they were dead on the pavements or peering sadly into wrecked homes. The wounded had been taken to hospitals. Children still clutched cheap toys in the cold.

Firemen worked in the tenement wreckage. There seemed little hope that anyone below was alive—the bomb had been a big one. As they worked, pathetic mementoes of the party were shoveled out into the street—a bag of Christmas candies and a red and white figure of Santa Claus.

There probably were 150 people in the tenement at the time the bomb fell. The number of dead cannot now be released.

Waves Of Bombers

German fliers had bombed a London apartment house earlier in the day, causing an undetermined number of casualties there. As they renewed the assault on the city Saturday night on this, the longest night of winter, raiders were reported crossing the southeast coast at great height in at least two waves.

Liverpool and other Merseyside towns were assaulted for the second successive night. The Nazi air attacks—which followed by 24 hours heavy British raids upon Berlin—extended from the English Channel to the Irish Sea.

German planes darted over the Liverpool area at the rate of one a minute, beginning the attack shortly after dark.

Casualties Few

Earlier reports indicated working class districts suffered heaviest; but after the raid had been in progress for some time and many bombs had been dropped there had been no fatal casualties, so far as could be learned.

One public shelter was hit and several people were taken to a hospital.

The raiders first dropped flares and then high explosives.

The most spectacular battle of the day started nearly seven miles aloft and ended only 50 feet above the channel waters. A Spitfire dived at a German bomber, it was said, and, chasing it over the water, caught it with a machine gun burst. The bomber crashed in flames, it was reported.

In Liverpool, hard hit in raids of Friday night, men dug into the wreckage of a bombed hotel for victims. Among those reported killed were several firemen who died in line of duty.

Anti-Nazi Films In Mexico Are Guarded

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—Police assigned special guards Saturday to all theaters showing anti-Nazi films and to all meetings of an anti-Nazi nature in an effort to halt a series of organized disturbances by groups crying "Heil Hitler" and throwing stench bombs, tear gas and itch powder.

'Charitable' Christmas Spirit Costs Woman Who Gave Hitch-Hiker A Ride $5,200 In Her Bag And Her Charity

BOSTON—(AP)—Giving a ride to a hitch-hiker because the Christmas season made her feel "charitable" cost a Roxbury beauty shop operator $5,200, she told police —money intended for a fur coat, a diamond ring and a South American cruise.

Mrs. Dorothy L. Millette, 40, said she picked up a youth of about 23 while driving through Brookline on her way to deposit the sum in a bank.

Quiet and well-mannered, the boy had little to talk about except the weather. When he left the car after a brief ride, Mrs. Millette said, he mumbled thanks and added "I hope you have a Merry Christmas."

A few blocks further on, the driver discovered that her black leather bag containing the money was gone.

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earlier when wet fruit is shipped or fruit picked too soon following rains, Brunton said.

"I don't see how anyone possibly can get into orchards for harvesting before the middle of the week or Thursday," Brunton said.

May Delay Harvesting

A. J. (Frenchy) LeFort, Harlingen shipper, expressed the belief that the rains will hold up harvesting all of next week. He said picking crews could not get in some places Thursday and that it may be ten days before harvesting is possible in some orchards.

Manager W. E. Allen of the Stuart Place Citrus Association said that he did not look for much fruit to be harvested before first of the year because of the mud.

Combined track holdings on 16 principal receiving markets amounted to 88 cars of grapefruit, 276 of oranges and 16 of mixed citrus.

The rains were also expected to benefit the condition of citrus fruit trees and of vegetable crops now coming to maturity. The rains were deemed more beneficial than damaging to truck crops.

Ranchmen Happy

The dry land ranch district of the Valley, whose rolling thousands of acres from Zapata and Starr counties on the west and Willacy county on the east have been thirsty for the past seven years, relished what ranch owners called a "general rain."

Precipitation ranging from two to six inches blanketed the huge pastures throughout the country north and west of Edinburg. Cattlemen said it was the most valuable moisture their lands had received since the hurricane in 1933. They explained that brief rains in the past has failed to prove very valuable—even the recent five-inch downpour which struck the ranches several weeks ago—but that the soaking new downpours would bring out vast new crops of pasture grass.

Traffic to and from the ranches was almost at a standstill because of the condition of dirt roads but so unusual was the moisture at some points, however, that ranch hands called in by long distance telephone to report to owners.

Page grandmother! Crocheted edges finish some 1941 linen resort clothes and hats.

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Saturday it would take considerable more artillery shelling and aerial bombardment before a ground assault can be launched.

The British hold that the final outcome is not in doubt and that they have had few casualties so far but there is no reason for wasting manpower.

Tripoli Is Raided

Striking far in advance of the land forces, the RAF Friday night was reported to have carried out a heavy raid on the Castel Benito airdrome, near Tripoli on the coast, almost all the way across Libya to the Tunisian frontier.

The bombers hit five hangars at the airdrome, a special communique said, destroying 19 planes and damaging others.

In the areas beyond smoking Bardia, the British command reported capture of 900 prisoners, along with four guns, added to more than 30,000 already taken captive.

Bardia itself, already reported fixed in a cirle of steel formed half by the land forces and half by British warships intermittently shelling the town from the Mediterranean, appeared to be taking mighty punishment.

While British artillery thundered at the town, still more British troop reinforcement were being brought up, general headquarters said.

Spanish Taxes Hiked

MADRID—(AP)—A new law boosting taxes for Spaniards in practically all fields and creating new taxes on the purchase of such articles as salt and soap will be published in the official bulletin Sunday.

GREEKS TAKE NEW HEIGHTS

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Friday on Berati, at a vital road junction on the Albanian front, and on an Italian airfield.

By land—Greek infantrymen, hammering at the gates of Tepeleni and Klisura, were said to have taken two villages and two strategic heights in the Tepeleni area, overcoming cold, stubborn Italian resistance and strong barbed wire barriers. An Italian colonel and two battalions were said to have been captured in fierce fighting around Tepeleni.

By sea—a naval communique Saturday said a Greek destroyer force preceded the British battleship-cruiser-destroyer armada which was reported yesterday to have pushed into the lower Adriatic Dec. 18 and shelled Valona, Italy's port of entry into southern Albania.

Record Is Given

Air Vice Marshal John Henry D'Albiac, commander of the RAF in Greece, summarized the RAF record thus:

Fighters—39 Italian craft destroyed and 12 probably destroyed; one RAF pilot killed and one missing.

Bombers—70 raids carried out, 120 tons of bombs dropped, nine aircraft lost.

The Italian air force, on the other hand has been ineffective and misdirected, Albiac declared.

He laid the British success to good fighting spirit and perfect coordination during air combat.

One instance illustrating morale, he said, occurred when a gunner kept his weapon firing despite such cold that he suffered frostbite that may cost him his fingers.

INFLATION IS NOT EXPECTED

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One of the other ways figuring in Washington theorizing would simplify the plan further by requiring employers to pay part of the payroll in government bonds instead of cash.

The idea is to keep people from bidding up prices by depriving them of the cash used in the process.

May Use Taxes

Others in prominent places think that taxes and special price and material controls can be used to strike at industrial price inflations.

Not the least of the restrictive methods contemplated is moral suasion. There's no law against raising prices, but people who do it are apt to hear from some important people about it.

As perhaps a final resort, the economists said, inflation could be made impossible by law, as is done in Germany, where the government sets prices and wages.

PORT ISABEL IS ISOLATED

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created by the storm, however, was a fire at Isabel Tourist Courts at 3:20 p. m. Saturday. Men were working on the main line near the courts, owned by Mayor T. R. Hunt, when water caused a short, resulting in a sudden blaze quickly extinguished by the volunteer fire department.

"Worst Since 1933"

Port Isabel residents said the storm was the "worst since 1933" but the Coast Guard said there was nothing to be alarmed about.

At Brownsville, where well over five inches fell during 24 hours, the airport was described as a "lake" by airline employes. Scheduled flights continued to be made into and out of Brownsville, however, although the ceiling was low.

Oldtimers said the city was approaching the situation in which it found itself during the heavy rains of 1915 and 1916 when considerable inconvenience was caused by mud. Brownsville rainfall since 3 p. m. Wednesday has been 7:25 inches. Saturday the rainfall was 4:57 inches up to the 6:30 p. m. reading, with heavy rains continuing into the night.

Harlingen had received 6:10 inches in 72 hours ending 6 p. m. Saturday, with 4 inches falling during the day. Streets were flooded as the inadequate sewage system failed to carry off the downpours. In many places water extended from store to store, with curbs invisible. Many merchants dammed doors and entrances to keep water out, but some warehouses were flooded and slight damage reported. Despite the rains, Christmas shoppers crowded streets and stores. Business was good, although undoubtedly much less than it would have been if farmers living on dirt roads, now impassable lakes of mud, had been able to come to town.

McAllen Rain Heavy

Rainfall totalling 5:30 inches fell in McAllen during the past week, and from 6 p. m. Friday to 10 a. m. Saturday a total of 3 inches was recorded. Shoppers in McAllen's business district were crossing streets on foot bridges, but merchants reported excellent trade. High winds swept McAllen between 8 p. m. and 9 p. m. Rain slackened and almost subsided about 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

Although it was still raining in Raymondville late Saturday, it had decreased considerably. Rainfall in Raymondville was slight compared with any of the other Valley points. Between one and one and a quarter inches fell Saturday.

Ranchers in Starr county were jubilant as the heaviest rains in years made grazing prospects bright. Roads to ranches were practically closed, but employes telephoned that rainfall was exceptionally heavy and would materially improve pasture lands.

Started Days Ago

The rains started a week ago with slight drizzles, which dampened the entire Valley. Fairly clear weather prevailed until Wednesday, when first heavy showers fell. Thursday the rains began again, and in most localities have fallen steadily and continuously since. Highways have been closed in some sections, and in others, with water extending across the right-of-way, stakes have been installed to indicate the edge of the concrete. Warnings have been issued to drivers to exercise caution.

Apparently the rains have been concentrated in the Valley and northern Mexico, for travelers from San Antonio Saturday said the weather was clear at Kingsville and first rain was encountered 50 miles north of Raymondville.

No effort was to be made by the circulation departments of the Star-Monitor-Herald to deliver the Sunday papers in rural sections. Papers were to be mailed.

No material rise in the Rio Grande river is anticipated as it was low prior to the rains.

Italian Prisoners Sent To Palestine

JERUSALEM, Palestine — (AP) — Several thousand Italian prisoners taken in Britain's Libyan offensive arrived Saturday at a Palestine internment camp.

Dutch Tanker Safe

LONDON —(AP)— The 10,746-ton Dutch tanker Pendrecht, reported by MacKay radio in New York Wednesday as having radioed that she was torpedoed by a submarine in the Atlantic, has arrived safely at a British port, official Dutch circles in London said Saturday night.

OBITUARY

MRS. R. A. DE RODRIGUEZ

MISSION—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Mission for Mrs. Rafaela Alvarez de Rodriguez, 58, who died early Saturday at her home in Mission.

Survivors are the husband, Amado Rodriguez; and two sons, Jose and Adelfia. Burial was in San Jose Cemetery, southeast of Mission.

A. F. HENDRICKS

MERCEDES — Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a. m. from Stotler Mortuary here for Alexander Franklin Hendricks, 74, who died at his residence one and one-half miles east of here Friday at 4 a. m. Rev. E. V. May, Baptist pastor, will officiate. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park, La Feria.

Deceased was a prominent farmer of the Mercedes community for many years and is a former member of the board of directors of the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Water Improvement District No. 9 having served in that capacity from 1935 to 1938.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; three sons, Fred and John Hendricks of Blair, Oklahoma, and Frank Blair of Mercedes; three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Reger, Mrs. B. T. Parker and Mrs. W. F. Dodson, all of Mercedes; a sister, Mrs. Ellen Rankin of Los Angeles, California.

Pallbearers were J. P. Dawson, B. B. Ballanfant, Walter Hoekstra, H. T. Tidmore, Walter D. Collier, Frank Avant, all of Mercedes.

GEORGE E. HOGAN

PHARR — Funeral services for George E. Hogan, 70, Pharr, who died Thursday at McAllen Municipal Hospital, were held from Kreidler Chapel, McAllen, Saturday afternoon, with burial at Roselawn cemetery.

Hogan came to Pharr about a year ago from Batesville, Ark., to make his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Judge and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson.

Survivors are his wife, of Pharr; two daughters, Mrs. Bryce Ferguson of Pharr, and Mrs. E. W. Hooper, Corpus Christi; and two sons, Captain E. L. Hogan, Fort Robinson, Neb., and George E. Hogan, Big Spring, Texas.

Pallbearers were Frank G. Crow, Stanley Mellon, Tom Hartley, D. C. Hogan, Dr. K. J. Scott, M. B. Gore.

CHARLES E. ELLEDGE

SAN BENITO—Funeral services for Charles E. Elledge, 83, of Centerville, Iowa, were conducted Friday night at the Clay Hall chapel. Eledge died Thursday in San Benito at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alex M. Bowie. Rev. Hugh Robertson of the Presbyterian Church officiated. The body was shipped to Centerville for burial. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Bowie, and two sons, Roy of Centerville and Fred of Jerome, Iowa.

BEST XMAS SINCE 1929 IS PREDICTED

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Loss of foreign markets for farm products was rated a trade drawback in some rural areas, although farm income generally was estimated moderately above the 1939 level.

A federal reserve board trade expert said the Christmas turnover may be the best in history on either a dollar or a physical volume basis, judging by department store sales compiled by the board.

Prices Are Low

Retail prices on the whole, it was pointed out, are well below average 1929 prices so that the tonnage volume of trade probably was larger than dollar figures revealed in a comparison with that peak year.

It was the second good year in a row of Christmas business at leading industrial centers. The first war-time factory upturn reached its peak just about the time holiday buying got well started last year.

Seven Are Burned In Home Gas Explosion

PLAINVIEW, Tex. —(AP)— Seven members of a Hale county family were in a hospital here for treatment of severe burns suffered in a gas explosion at their farm home, 26 miles southwest of here.

The injured included: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Redinger, their son, Quentin, their daughter, Mrs. Alice McClain, and the latter's three children.

ASK ENVOYS BE RECALLED

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first secretary and consul at the embassy and Leigh W. Hunt, a second secretary and consul.

U. S. To Agree

The state department accepted the request. (In Washington, Secretary Hull said the three would be sent elsewhere; that the charges would be investigated, although a preliminary investigation does not support them. Hull declined to discuss the Ronald Cross affair.

The German announcement said Mrs. Deegan had supported the unidentified British officer and helped him flee the country; that the two embassy officials were involved in this and that, furthermore, Cross concealed a British secret agent in the embassy for months. This man, it was stated, later was arrested outside the building and confessed to espionage.

At the press conference, the foreign office spokesman charged that United States foreign policy was one of "pinpricks, injury, challenge and moral aggression" against Germany.

On the other hand, he said, the Reich has "exercised restraint to the point of self-effacement" in its dealings with Washington.

SHERIFF ASKS FOR SAFETY

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favorable weather for driving would cut down on the amount of driving to be done in the Valley during the coming week.

Toll High Here

The warning from the Hidalgo officer came at a time when traffic death records for years past have been broken by 1946's toll in the Valley. The 83 deaths to date are divided among two counties—Hidalgo and Cameron, according to records here. Cameron has reported 17 of the deaths and Hidalgo, which has the Valley's heaviest traffic, 66. Out of the latter list, however, 29 are accounted for by the Alamo truck-train collision last March which claimed 29 lives and the unusual four-truck crash near San Manuel in November in which seven persons died. Subtracting these two from the Hidalgo toll a total of 30 deaths, or more nearly "normal," are listed.

Thus far Starr and Willacy counties have not reported any fatalities for the year.

AIR INVASION IS EXPECTED

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such landings, bringing Nazi aircraft to low altitudes, would put them within range of searchlights and short-range anti-aircraft guns. The Germans, they say, would suffer heavy casualties in the air, be spotted by searchlights and surrounded on landing.

The most probable line of attack was forecast by one well-informed observer as a "sudden and studied attempt" to destroy fighter airdromes so that British Spitfires and Hurricanes would be unable to retain daylight mastery of the air over Britain and the channel.

Simultaneous Attack

After preliminary bombing of hangars, this source said, parachute troops might be dropped at as many as 50 fields at once to hold a landing area and light it for "pancake" landings of troop-carrying Junkers and Focke-Wulf transports.

Following the precedent of Norway and the Netherlands, he added, thousands of troops might be landed to attempt to hold out long enough to destroy all aircraft at air stations while a bridgehead was being established on the English coast free from fighter opposition.

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Nazis Admit Major Raid On Berlin With Several Civilians Killed

CATHEDRAL IS DAMAGED BY RAF ATTACK

Potsdam Also Is Hit This Week-End

By The Associated Press

BERLIN — British pilots struck twice overnight at Berlin in "a major raid," the Nazi high command announced Saturday, flying over the center of the city and loosing both explosive and fire bombs.

Six persons were killed and 17 injured, a communique reported, and the Dom (Protestant) Cathedral was hit and damaged—to the extent of 1,500,000 marks (about $600,000), said the Reich church ministry.

Fires were set off in the suburbs in the first appearance of the British, said the high command, but on that occasion the raiders were held back by anti-aircraft fire.

They returned, however—"several" of them, it was stated—and moved over the heart of the metropolis. Their bombs were declared to have fallen "particularly" in the eastern part of the city, but with "no military or vital war damage."

The high command accused the raiders of having directed their attack "exclusively . . . against non-military targets."

Reports from the historic town of Potsdam, west of the capital, said three civilians were killed there by a single British plane which dropped explosives and incendiaries.

SCALPER CURB IS PROPOSED

Stringent Laws Seen At Next Session

DALLAS—(AP)—Stringent legislation to curb "scalping" of tickets to football, baseball and other sporting events will be introduced in the 47th Texas legislature in January, State Representative-elect Sam C. Hanna said Saturday.

There is no Texas law prohibiting scalping of tickets, although the federal government exercises some jurisdiction because each ticket bears a federal amusement tax, Hanna said.

He said that instances where scalpers are demanding $15 each for $3.30 tickets to the Cotton Bowl classic between Texas A. & M. and Fordham had been brought to his attention.

Blocks of tickets to the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl were sold only to recognized corporations or companies that wished to give them to employers or customers, and requests for large numbers of tickets, if made by some person unknown to officials, were turned down, Cotton Bowl officials said.

Officer Gets Gift From His Prisoner

RALEIGH, N. C. —(AP)— Last September Gus L. Scott of the state bureau of investigation solved a $1,000 robbery, and his evidence sent a man to prison for four to six years.

This week Scott received a Christmas gift—a hand-tooled, hand-sewn leather shoulder holster with the gold-embossed inscription, "Gus Scott"—from the prisoner, who dubbed the officer a "fair and square guy."

Air Line's Revenues Are Said Increased

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— T. E. Braniff, president of Braniff Airways, Inc., said his company had a total of $1,695,000 in passenger revenue during 1940, an 87.8 per cent increase over last year's $902,540.66.

The report, as of November 30, showed a total of 118,000 passengers flew 37,000,000 revenue passenger miles, as compared with 62,247 passengers who flew 19,815,703 revenue passenger miles a year ago.

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AT LEADING GROCERS

Londoner Booked For Talk On Escape From Air Raids

McALLEN — Rev. G. E. Nord, of London, England, will give a graphic account of his recent escape during the air raids in that city when he speaks at the American Legion Hall here Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p. m.

He has just arrived in McAllen from his home in London. The minister will also give his personal observation of the countries now engaged in war. For 20 years he has traveled through Germany, Russia, the Scandinavian countries, Poland, Austria, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain, in his work as general secretary of the northern European division of Seventh Day Adventist missionary activity in Europe.

The public is invited to attend and hear Rev. Nord's talk.

REV. NORD

Communications To City Are Restored After Quake, Storm

EUREKA, Calif. —(AP)— Communication facilities into Eureka were restored early Saturday after a rain and wind storm, preceded by an earthquake, had swept over this northwestern California area Friday night.

No damage was reported as the result of the quake, which was felt here at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Seismograph records showed that the shock lasted 15 minutes.

Believe Ship Plans Are Taken From Car

DUANESBURG, N. Y.—(AP)—State police said their criminal investigation bureau is investigating theft of plans they "understand" are for "construction of naval vessels" from Russell Keefer, production engineer of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N. J.

Midget Scout Cars May Take Place Of Motorcycles In American Armies

WASHINGTON— (AP) —The army disclosed that the cavalry was testing a new model midget scout car as a possible substitute for motorcycles.

The 1,350-pound vehicles, 3,000 of which have been ordered, originally were developed for the infantry. Each carries three riflemen and their weapons, and can be used also to transport machine guns and ammunition.

The modernized cavalry includes numerous motorcycle units for scouting and communication. A new type motor-tricycle to carry three men also has been designed but not yet acquired by the first cavalry division at Fort Bliss, Tex., or other units. The War Department said the new midget car "seems" to have the answer" to some of the deficiencies of the motorcycle, being "relatively quiet," lightweight and able to carry three men or substantial cargoes.

Mrs. Alice Long Is Dead At Los Vegas

LAS VEGAS, N. M.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice Long, mother of the United States minister to Ecuador and widow of a one-time chief justice of the territory of New Mexico, died at her home here Friday. She was 91 years old.

Mrs. Long had lived in New Mexico since 1886, when her husband, the late Judge E. V. Long, was named chief justice of the territory. The family lived for a time at Santa Fe and then came to Las Vegas.

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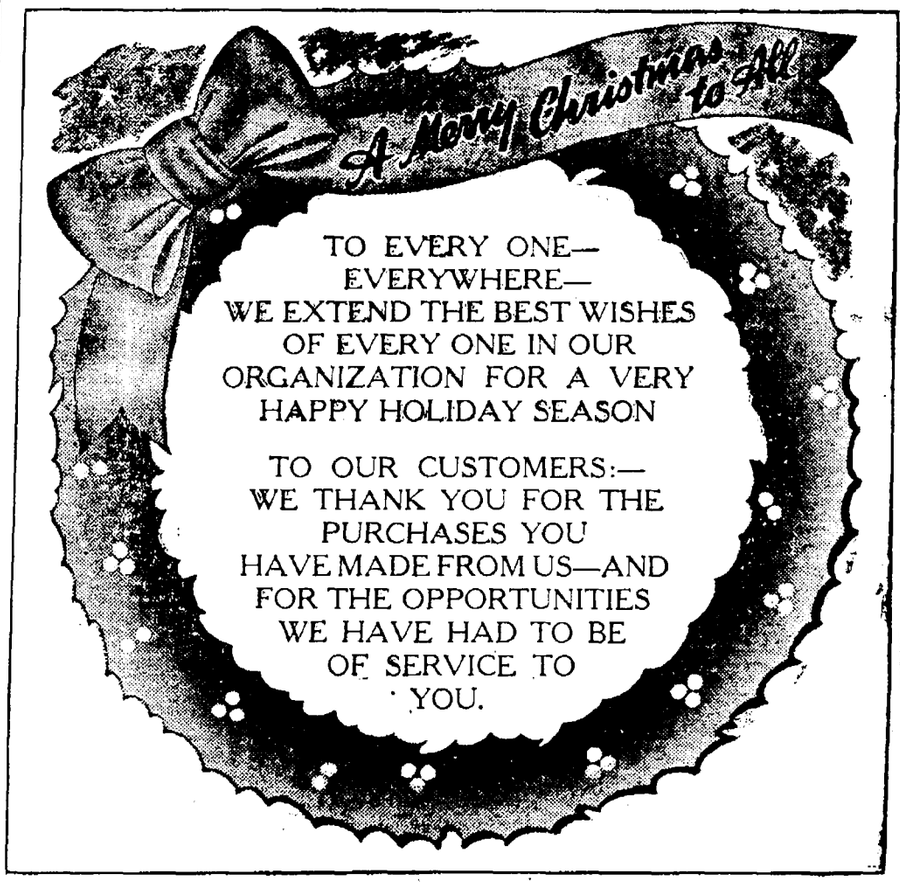

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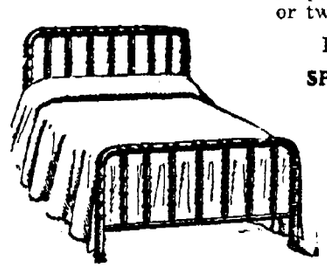

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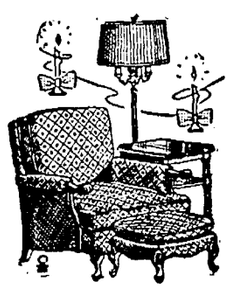

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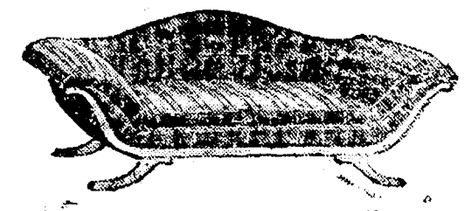

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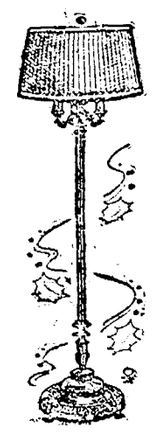

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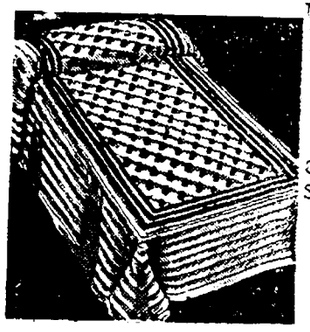

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BUS SERVICE TO CORPUS IS ON NEW ROAD

Two Hours Saved On Coast Route

BROWNSVILLE — The new Kenedy County link of the Hug-The-Coast highway has cut bus service time between Brownsville and Corpus Christi by two hours, according to Harry Roberts, superintendent of Missouri Pacific Transportation Co. here.

With opening of the new road, the distance between Brownsville and Corpus Christi is now 47 miles shorter, and a special "Express" bus makes the run between the two cities in two hours less than buses traveling the old route, Mr. Roberts said.

The "Express" leaves here at 7 a.m. and arrives in Corpus Christi at 11:15 a.m. Formerly, the bus leaving here at 7 a.m. reached Corpus Christi at 1:15 p.m.

New Schedule

On the return trip, the "Express" leaves Corpus Christi at 2 p.m. and arrives here at 6:20 p.m. It formerly arrived here at 8:15 p.m. by the old route.

Other bus runs between here and Corpus Christi will remain the same in order to take care of Upper Valley business, Mr. Roberts said.

An added service in this respect is the new Edinburg-Rivera run, he said.

With two buses a day now traveling the new route to and from Corpus Christi and skipping the Upper Valley, allowances had to be made for handling travelers from that section.

Edinburg Connection

The company runs buses from Edinburg at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, arriving at Rivera at 9:52 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The 8 a.m. bus meets the "Express" on its way to Corpus Christi, and after discharging passengers to the outbound bus it waits at Rivera until the inbound Corpus Christi bus arrives there at 3:30 p.m.

While the 2 p.m. bus from Edinburg is transferring passengers to the Brownsville-bound "Express," the other Edinburg-Rivera bus takes on passengers bound for the Upper Valley and leaves on the old route at 3:32 p.m., arriving here at 8:15 p.m.

The new route followed by the Express buses is Brownsville to Harlingen to Raymondville to Kingsville to Robstown to Corpus Christi.

Freight Train Runs Wild On Raton Pass; Wreck Cleaned Up

RATON, N. M.—(AP)—The main line of the Santa Fe Railway has been cleared of last wreckage of a freight train detailment near Morley, Colo., 16 miles north of here early Friday.

Brakeman William Hand of Raton was recovering here from minor injuries to his back and a foot and cuts about the head.

4 States Organized To Conserve Waters

FORT WORTH.—(AP)—A meeting to be held in Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 10 and 11, to organize a four-state pact for flood control work and soil and water conservation, was announced in Fort Worth by John M. Fouts, general manager of the Trinity Improvement Association.

Fouts said the four states involved are Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

Opening meeting will be presided over by R. E. Overman of Little Rock, chairman of the Arkansas state flood control commission.

Canal Air Defense Is Said To Be Poor

NEW YORK — (AP) — Rep. Fred Bradley (R-Mich), one of 12 congressmen returning from a trip to the Panama Canal, declared that there "was not a modern bomber in the zone."

"If the administration considers it such a vital place to guard," he said, "why doesn't it do something to protect the zone with up-to-date aircraft? If there are any modern bombers there, they are so pitifully few that we didn't see them. I was told the fastest airplane there was capable of only 140 miles an hour."

Appointments Seen As Sign Of Unrest

SHANGHAI—(AP)—Japanese Premier Prince Konoye's appointment of new Japanese ministers of justice and home affairs is believed by Shanghai observers to have been motivated largely by the Japanese people's increasing uneasiness over their government's military alliance with Italy and Germany.

Dissatisfaction with Japan's commitments has been gaining momentum since early this month, and reports were current two weeks ago that the Konoye government might fall as a result.

Baby Smothered In Bed With Parents

DALLAS—(AP)—James Lynn Cantrell, 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Cantrell, was found dead while sleeping with his parents Saturday, and Justice of the Peace Lewis Sterrett returned a verdict of accidental death due to smothering.

He will be buried in Denison Sunday.

Chairman Dies Ill At Home With Flu

ORANGE, Tex.—(AP)—Rep. Martin Dies (D-Tex), chairman of a House committee investigating un-American activities, was ill at his home here with influenza.

Christmas Story As We'd Tell It

Discovery Of New Star By Magi Astronomers Is Reported

Third of six daily articles retelling the story of the first Christmas as a modern newspaper man might have given the reports as they came in.

PHILADELPHIA (Rabbath Ammon) Dec. 22—The ancient prophecies that a Messiah is to appear in troubled Judea were recalled here today by citizens excited by reports concerning three mysterious strangers who paused recently in Philadelphia.

The three, who kept to themselves, stopped overnight with their caravans.

They said little to those who camped near them on the route to Jericho and Jerusalem, but caravaneers observed they kept a close watch on the midnight skies. Apparently they were of the school of the Magi.

A Long Trip

Observers noted that they wore the yellow undergarments of the profession of astronomers and they seemed to have come a long distance.

Their caravan included swift camels, and the three camels the Magi rode were of kingly stature. They also were notable for their color, being almost pure albinos.

The camel drivers of a caravan adjoinig the Magi's in the Philadelphia camp were awakened near dawn by excited voices. The Magi were outside their tents. One pointed to the sky and the three of them talked enthusiastically with many gesticulations.

Almost Unnoticed

The camel drivers said there was an unusually brilliant star on the horizon that faded, as they watched it, with the dawn.

The incident would have passed unnoticed, perhaps, except that one of the drivers mentioned it in the market place and someone remarked that here was a happening that had to do with the prophesied coming of the Messiah.

"This is confirmed," said he, "by my friend the camel driver, who reported that he overheard a remark by these three Magi that concerned a new 'King of the Jews'."

The Three Magi and the Star: An Artist's Conception

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The three Magi moved westward from Philadelphia, toward Jerusalem.

COAST LABOR ROW HALTED

Longshoremen Agree To Contract

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Pacific Coast stevedore labor problems apparently have been solved for a critical period of the national defense program by the signing of a new two-year working agreement.

Meeting under conditions just a little short of back-slapping friendliness—a strange situation on the often embattled waterfront—representatives of the Waterfront Employers' Association and the CIO longshoremen put their names to a contract covering 13,000 men.

An employers' spokesman, L. A. Lapham, said shipowners were satisfied with the terms.

Harry R. Bridges, CIO longshoremen's president, called it a good contract for both sides and said it represented a fundamental gain for the union in that workers were given protection against money and employment losses although employers were permitted to introduce labor-saving devices.

Soviets Critical Of Roosevelt Aid Plan

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Soviet army newspaper "Red Star" said President Roosevelt's new plan to aid British was designed "to guarantee the interests of American capitalism."

"Under the banner of 'Help England'," the paper declared, "the White House has designed a whole system of combined measures directed at consolidating the position of the United States in the struggle of the imperialistic powers for a share of the world."

Italians Reiterate Sinking Of Cruiser

ROME—(AP)—Italian officials said a British cruiser reported sunk off the port of Bardia early in the fighting along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier still could be seen lying on the bottom of the sea.

An official statement said the ship was a cruiser of about 6,000 tons—presumably of the Arethusa or Lenter type.

National Guardsmen Home For Holidays

PALACIOS, Tex.—(AP)—Some 2,000 Camp Hulen National Guardsmen from Missouri, New Hampshire and Massachusetts left here for 10-day home furloughs—their first "home leaves" since induction last September.

Two special trains carried the men. One contained Missourians of the 203rd Coast Artillery; 197th and 211th Coast Artillerymen from New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

There are more than 350,000 American boys enrolled in agricultural high schools supported by the Smith-Hughes act.

Roger W. Babson Says

America Should Have Happiest Christmas On Earth; Living Standard Higher, And Future Looms Bright

By ROGER W. BABSON

PHILADELPHIA—Our people demand more than those of any other nation on earth. Our standards of living are the highest in the world. Few of our people will go hungry over the holiday season. Wages and pay rolls are up, unemployment is decreasing. Our dollar has been devaluated, but it still buys more necessities and luxuries of life than any other currency.

A Worker's Paradise

The average American factory worker on his wage per hour can purchase approximately 7.5 pounds of bread; 1.6 pounds of butter; 2.1 pounds of beef; 35.1 pounds of potatoes; 2.6 pounds of coffee. In Germany, an average worker's hourly wage buys only 2.5 pounds of bread; 0.3 of a pound of butter; 0.9 of a pound of beef; 20.5 pounds of potatoes; 0.3 of a pound of coffee.

The American worker's wage buys 9.78 pounds of these five essential foodstuffs. The German worker can buy only 4.94 pounds. The bread, butter, beef, and coffee which is used in Germany, we would not recognize. Potatoes are potatoes the world over; but in Germany sawdust is being mixed with flour; oleomargarine is a substitute for butter; horses, dogs, cats, and foxes are legalized substitutes for beef; and chicory is the name for coffee.

Food Abundant Here

Coffee is a drug on the U. S. market. Sugar, flour, rice, and vegetables are extremely cheap. There has been a rise in the cost of meat and some canned goods. But, the average price of foodstuffs is today below the 1935-39 average and way below 1929. Rents, clothing, furniture, and fuel are slightly higher than the 1935-39 average; but only moderately so. The retail price of gasoline, on the other hand, is at its lowest in years. We, here in America, with only 6 per cent of the world's population, own 72 per cent of the world's automobiles, 49 per cent of its telephones, and 47 per cent of its radios. In the ownership of furniture, jewels, rugs, and homes, we also outstrip all other nations.

In any recent month, food prices may show a moderately rise of, say, 1 per cent or less. When compared with the corresponding month of 1939, there is either no change or prices are lower. Food costs remain slightly under the 1939-40 peak reached during June and July. This is because the surpluses of wheat, corn, pork, lard, and other commodities are still extremely large. With our export trade declining, there is little chance of reducing these stocks. For a long time to come, unless the war ends abruptly, we will have these foodstuffs to consume or to give away.

Run-Away Markets Out Of Style

Inevitably rising living costs accompany an increase in industrial production. The old law of supply and demand is still working. As the demand for housing facilities increases, so rents rise. With higher wages, people spend more for luxury goods. Even when raw materials for luxury goods are curtailed, luxury demand increases and prices of such goods necessarily rise. Facilities exist to curb rising prices except in instances where they are orderly. This is important from the administration's point of view in connection with the defense program. There must be no run-away markets in either raw materials or foodstuffs.

Actual government ownership of certain commodities, as in the present case of cotton and wheat, can be used to steady prices. Large stocks of these and other commodities will be thrown upon the market at the first signs of dangerous inflation. Thus, attempts to raise prices can be counteracted. In the raw materials picture, much can likewise be done. In World War I the war industries board successfully kept down the price of copper. This was accomplished through conferences with a group of large producers. In our present situation, if producers attempted to raise prices much over present figures, the copper tariff could also be taken off.

Remember that government bonds have, to date, been purchased largely by banks and insurance companies. A drive could be put on to force individuals to buy these securities. This would put money into the federal till and keep it out of the grocery, department stores, and jewelry shops. Thus, an abnormal demand for necessity and luxury goods would dry up and prices would not run away.

Five Days To Christmas

You will not hear from me again until the Sunday after Christmas. Hence, I cannot close this week's column without wishing my readers and the publishers of this paper a Very Merry Christmas. This is really no time for weighty discussions. Rather, it is a time for shopping and a time to get the household ready for Christmas Day. It will, I hope, be a Happy Christmas for wage workers and employers, for parents and children. Surely, here in America, we have much for which to be thankful. I do not have to mention what Christmas Day may bring to the people of many other lands. It is fitting that, in the midst of our own happiness and peace, we should offer a fervent prayer that they, too, may soon again celebrate Christmas as the Prince of Peace would wish.

JUDGES GROOM NEW STATUTES

Committee Studying 4 Proposed Laws

AUSTIN—(AP)—Legislative and executive committees of the County Judges and Commissioners Association Saturday began shaping recommendations for presentation to the new legislature meeting January 14.

The two groups named sub-committees to report at a state-wide meeting in Austin January 23 on these proposals:

Re-enactment of the road bond assumption law with an amendment requiring counties that participate in the lateral road account to apply their funds to retiring county road debts.

Incorporation of the road bond law with the proposed amendment into the state constitution.

Amending the constitution so as to permit counties to apply surpluses in other funds to county general fund which officials said was heavily burdened because of a 25-cent constitutional tax limitation.

Providing a state administered agency for certifying WPA and relief eligibles.

Members of the highway commission and the board of county and district road indebtedness will be invited to meet with the association January 23.

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FELONS PLEAD FOR CLEMENCY

7 Escapees Want To Join Free French

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Facing deportation next month to Martinique and fearful of death before a firing squad, seven escapees from France's Devil's Island prison renewed their pleas Saturday for freedom and a chance to fight in the forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

The men, with a companion who is in the U. S. hospital at Key West, made their way to Miami August 24 in a 30-foot sloop after a perilous voyage through the Caribbean. They have been held in Dade county jail.

Friday they received the news that the coast guard cutter Unalga would take them some time in January, with 20 other escaped prisoners now in Puerto Rico, back to French-controlled Martinique.

"We are being sent to our deaths by a firing squad," said Jean Touzin, 43, of Vichy, a veteran of the French World War navy.

"We didn't intend to enter the United States. We were arrested and held here. And now the United States is sending us to sure death."

If they are freed, the men have promised to enlist with De Gaulle's "Free French" forces or with the British.

Lone British Plane Bombs German City

POTSDAM, Germany — (AP) — A lone British plane, dropping explosives and fire bombs in a raid Friday night on this historic town west of Berlin, was reported by DNB, German news agency, to have killed three civilians.

Birthday Of Stalin Passes Unobserved

MOSCOW —(AP)— Joseph Stalin's 61st birthday anniversary passed Saturday without formal observance. A year ago it was celebrated.

There was no mention of the birthday in Saturday's press.

Whether Suspected Triple Killer Will Be Returned Still Mystery

Report Of Los Ebanos Man's Capture At Camargo Are Yet Unconfirmed; Fortuna Case Experience Recalled

EDINBURG—Hidalgo county officials, including those in both the sheriff's and district attorney's offices, were reticent toward voicing an opinion Saturday on the possibility of returning to Texas for trial a man reported to be held by Mexican officers at Camargo in connection with the deaths last Sunday night of three persons in a burst of gunfire at a Los Ebanos beer tavern.

Reports were received early this week that rurales at Camargo had captured the man, believed to be a relative of at least one of the three men slain when a mysterious gunman poked his weapon into a window at the cantina and blasted away. A fourth man escaped with a bullet wound in the knee while a fifth fell to the floor and was unhurt.

Sheriff R. T. (Bob) Daniel's office announced no official confirmation had been received of the arrest at Camargo, opposite Rio Grande City, and only a short distance across the river from Los Ebanos, which is south of Sullivan City in western Hidalgo county.

District Attorney Tom Hartley said his office's investigation of the case had not progressed to the point where the state department at Washington would ask for extradiction of the suspect at Camargo. In even the U. S. did request extradition, as may be urged by the district attorney, the Mexican government would have the right to grant or refuse the plea.

Hartley pointed out that only one other case in recent years was similar. That involved Samuel Fortuna, Mexican border character who slew Deputy Sheriff George Dennett of McAllen from ambush near the river four years ago. Fortuna was captured by officers under Colonel Tiburcio Garza Zamora of Reynosa but was not returned to the U. S. He was subsequently imprisoned under a 20-year sentence, according to local reports.

Fortuna, however, was a Mexican citizen and an alien in the U. S. at the time of Dennett's death. The suspect in the Los Ebanos triple slaying is known to be an American citizen.

Pending further developments, officers have not divulged his name, nor have any charges been filed heer as yet.

Nazi Party Members Jailed In Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary—(AP)—Sixteen members of the Nazi Arrow Cross party, including Deputy Karoly Wirth, were convicted of plotting to kidnap Regent Admiral Nicholas Horthy and install a Nazi regime for Hungary.

They were sentenced to prison terms, Wirth receiving the greatest—four and a half years. The formal charge was lese majesty, a crime again the sovereign.

Continental Extends Louisiana Oil Field

PONCA CITY, Okla. — (AP) — The Continental Oil Company announced it had extended the Villeplatte Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, approximately one mile southwest with the completion of the Evangeline Securities Co. No. 1 well.

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VALLEY 'WAR' ON SPEEDERS TO CONTINUE

Hidalgo Patrol Check 'Death Trap'

EDINBURG—The Hidalgo county highway patrol's war on speeders near the San Manuel "death trap," where nine persons have been killed in a recent span of 34 days in a series of three crashes, swept ahead Saturday.

Five drivers were arrested near San Manuel early last week and charged with speeding, and County Patrolmen Walter Lysinger and Harris Cozby announced Saturday that several additional cases had been filed.

J. B. Jordan of Poteet paid a fine of $5 and costs ($14) before Justice of the Peace J. Loy Ramsour here Saturday on a speeding charge resulting from the patrolmen's new work to slow down traffic near San Manuel. His case was not scheduled for trial until Monday.

Robert Otto Fischer of McAllen paid a fine of $1 and costs ($10) on a charge of speeding near the same place.

Two cases scheduled for trial Monday before Judge Ramsour in Edinburg, are speeding charges against John McGrew of Falfurrias and T. C. Johnston of Houston.

Francisco Guerra of Fremont, charged with driving without clearance lights near San Manuel, was fined $1 and costs ($10) by Judge Ramsour Saturday morning.

Lysinger said one of the several arrests of the past week were made after he clocked a passenger car traveling 68 miles an hour along the highway near San Manuel in a driving rain.

Bond Forfeited

$500 La Cross Surety To Be Claimed

EDINBURG — District Judge Rogers Blalock ordered Saturday the forfeiture of a $500 bond posted for C. M. La Cross, formerly of McAllen and now of Corpus Christi, who failed to appear in 92nd district court here for trial on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Judge Blalock was sitting for Judge Bryce Ferguson on the criminal district bench.

La Cross' sureties, Wade Bliss and M. L. Paden of Edinburg, have until the next term of court to show cause why the forfeiture should not be executed. La Cross was understood here to have moved to Corpus Christi several weeks ago. His trial has been called on five different dates but at each instance was postponed because of technicalities.

Shary Plays Santa To 600 Kiddies In Schools At Mission

MISSION—More than 600 youngsters in Mission and Sharyland received or will receive Christmas treats as the gift of John H. Shary, Mission developer and capitalist, in parties held or to be held at four schools.

Following a custom he established several years ago, Shary presented bags of Christmas candies, nuts and fruits to students in the main and North Sharyland school units Friday afternoon. Monday at closing exercises in the St. Paul's Guadalupe Catholic parish schools in Mission, all students will receive similar gifts. A total of 625 children are included in the huge gift list.

Mission Sets Dance For Tourists Here

MISSION — Swing and square dances will be mixed when the All-Valley Tourist Dance will be given Monday night, December 30, at Legion hall, when the tourist committee of the Mission Chamber of Commerce will be hosts.

Tourists staying in all Valley cities are invited to attend the party, the chairman, W. B. Thornton, Jr., said. There will be no charge and all bona fide tourists are urged to attend as guests of the Mission chamber.

TO VISIT IN AUSTIN

HARLINGEN — Mrs. Joe Wood and sons, Barry and Terry, are going to Austin for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Wood's mother.

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Modern And Ancient 'Madonna And Child'

Baby Jean Gauntt, for whom a group of metaphysicians sought to attain immortality, gets a hug from her mother, Catherine, after her return to her New York home. The metaphysicians installed her in a mansion 15 months ago, planning to rear her in the belief that illness and death are caused by destructive thinking. Now, they explained, her parents want her back.

This "Madonna and Child," by Raffaelino del Garbo, was stolen from the University of Texas College of Mines museum at El Paso. It was one of five paintings loaned to the El Paso Junior League from the private collection of Samuel H. Kress, the chain store merchant. Kress has declined to evaluate the painting.

VALLEY PRESS MEETS FRIDAY

D. F. Strickland To Be Main Speaker

MISSION—Featured speakers at the Valley Press Association meeting scheduled for Friday night, December 27, will be Judge D. F. Strickland of Mission and E. W. Franke of San Benito, it was announced in Mission Saturday by Joe T. Cook, president of the press unit. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock at the Cortez Hotel in Weslaco. Ty Cobb, Weslaco, radio news commentator, has arranged the program.

Judge Strickland, prominent South Texas attorney, will speak on "The Price of Public Service." Franke is district manager of the Central Power and Light Company. His topic was not announced.

For the past three months, the association has been publishing the Valley Press Bulletin, carrying news of the printing and publishing industry of the Valley. Si Cassady, editor of the Valley Evening Monitor, McAllen, is editor for the December issue.

Officers of the association this year are Joe T. Cook, editor of the Mission Times, serving his second term as president; Bishop Clements, editor of the Edinburg Valley Review, vice president; Tom Phillips, publisher of the Santa Rosa Signal, secretary; T. E. Thompson, publisher of the San Juan Sentinel, treasurer. Directors are Cook, R. H. Fackelman, publisher of the Willacy County Chronicle, Raymondville; and Gordon Keithley, business manager of the Weslaco News. Sherwood Bishop, Brownsville, is advisory director.

Xmas Baskets

Donations Must Be In Monday Night

McALLEN—Lee D. Rowe, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board, said Saturday that all those who wished to donate funds for Christmas baskets which will be given to McAllen's needy must be received by 6 p.m. Monday.

Rowe said the money must be in by that time because the baskets must be made up Monday night and Tuesday for distribution Christmas morning.

Paving Project At McAllen Is Ordered

McALLEN—No property owners appeared to protest a paving project on Eleventh street from Ash to Hackberry avenue in the hearing held by the city commission Friday afternoon, so an ordinance was passed ordering the work done and property owners assessed. The Works Projects Administration will share in the cost.

BACK FROM IOWA

SAN JUAN — Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Doedyns have returned home after two weeks in Iowa. They were accompanied home by Miss Hattie Hospers of Pella, Iowa, who will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Doedyns and her husband.

Grow Beard, Young Man Is Edict Of Brush Court For Charro Days

BROWNSVILLE—Royal decrees of the Court of the Brush, and proclamations from City Hall have now come forth to the effect that the adult males of Brownsville shall start growing their Charro Days beards immediately after midnight, December 25, and not before then.

Mayor Royce Russell issued a proclamation from the city, pronouncing the bearded days as the period from December 25 through February 23, the end of Charro Days.

And from A. A. (Daddy) Hargrove, Grand Brush of the Court of the Brush, came an official decree to the same effect.

However, prosecuting under this act will not start until January 1, Hargrove said.

"The court will be merciless on those who start growing beards before December 25," Grand Brush Hargrove said. "There is no excuse for it.

Some Fancy Beards

"As a matter of fact the date usually set is January 1. However, since there are some amongst us whose beards tend to grow in a straggly, puny, or misdirected way, and so that these fellow citizens with good intentions but poor beards may make a fair showing, we have permitted the growing to start immediately after Christmas Day.

"Anyone not starting a beard before January 1 will be considered as a braggart, but will not be prosecuted. Anybody not starting one on January 1 will be considered as a slacker and social outcast, and the Court of the Brush shall consider itself duty bound to give him the works."

The proclamations issued by the mayor and the Court of the Brush follows:

A Proclamation

Whereas the growth of sturdy and manly beards by the adult males of Brownsville contribute in a large measure to the success of Charro Days Fiesta, and,

Whereas the appearance of small, scrubby or scrawny beards upon our males during Charro Days would be taken as an indication that our soil is not fertile and our climate not healthy, and therefore would be a reflection on our Valley, and,

Whereas the careful growth and cultivation of a creditable beard requires a period of at least eight weeks on the average male, I, mayor of the city of Brownsville, do hereby proclaim December 25, 1940, as the last day during which the adult male citizen of Brownsville should have their faces clean, and call upon them to set forth after that day upon a career of beard growing that will reflect credit during the Charro Days Fiesta of 1941, and.

I likewise call upon the mayors of our neighboring cities in the Valley to issue similar proclamations.

Royce Russell,
Mayor of Brownsville.

Court Of The Brush

Hear Ye, All Charros!

By virtue of authority vested in me by the Charro Days Court of the Brush, I hereby decree that any and all Charros, and by that term is meant any adult male of Brownsville, shall cease and desist from clean shaving of their faces from and after midnight, December 25, 1940, until the end of Charro Days, midnight, February 23, 1941.

Herein fail not on peralty of a fine, or imprisonment, or general manhandling, or any or all of these, upon appearance on the streets of Brownsville between said dates.

Enforcement of this decree shall be instituted by the Court of the Brush on and after January 1, 1940, and any male having nothing worthwhile to show for his efforts up to that time walks abroad at his own peril.

It is furtheromre decreed that any male citizen of any other Valley city or any winter resident of the Valley choosing to abide by this decree shall be admitted into to Court of the Brush and shall share equally in the profits thereof.

Herein Fail Not.

A. A. (Daddy) Hargrove,
Grand Brush.

POLICEMEN SELL YULE TREES FOR STRICKEN OWNER

LYNN, Mass. — (AP) — Joseph Brown of Brooks, Me., is convinced that Lynn policemen have the real Christmas spirit.

Stricken with appendicitis after bringing a truckload of Christmas trees here, Brown was taken to a hospital for an operation. The police knew he wouldn't be out until after Christmas, so they sold the trees for $26, took the money to Brown and wished him a "Merry Christmas."

Judging Set Friday For Mission Lights

MISSION—Judges for the Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest sponsored by the Mission Chamber of Commerce will judge entries in all three divisions Friday night, December 27, it was announced this week by Jack Drake, chamber manager. J. F. Ewers, chairman of the committee, will be assisted by W. G. Morris and D. W. Cott, who complete the committee.

Entries in the contest must register with the chamber of commerce not later than 5 p. m. Tuesday, December 24. Awards total $45, divided equally in three sections for residential, rural and business districts.

Candlelight Service Set For San Benito

SAN BENITO—A special musical program is scheduled for the candlelight vesper service at 5:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Christian church. The "Story of Christ" will be presented in the form of Christmas carols by the choir arranged by Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Schurman. The sermon at the morning service will be "No Room in the Inn" and the choir will sing the anthem, "The Lord Is Come" by Holton.

FOUR DRAFTEE CLASSES TOLD

Groups Outlined To Clear Up Doubts

MISSION—Classification of registrants under the selective service system has caused confusion among registrants who do not have a clear idea of what each classification means, clerks at the Hidalgo County Draft Board No. 2, in Mission, said. Many registrants report back to the draft board headquarters asking for further information after their classification has been made.

In order to make clear exactly what each classification means, an outline of each class has been released for the benefit of the registrants. It is listed below:

Class I

Class I-A—Available, fit for general military service.

Class I-B—Member of the land or naval forces of the United States.

Class I-D—Student fit for military service; available not later than July 1, 1941.

Class I-E—Student fit only for limited military service; available not later than July 1, 1941.

Class II

Class II-A—Man necessary in his civilian capacity.

Class III

Class III-A—Man with dependents.

Class IV

Class IV-A—Man with completed service.

Class IV-B—Official deferred by law.

Class IV-C—Minister of religion or divinity student.

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Xmas Party Closes Sharyland Schools

SHARYLAND—A Christmas program was presented by representatives of each of the 11 grades in the main Sharyland school unit Friday afternoon as a special assembly program marked the closing of school for the Christmas holidays. Classes will re-convene Monday, January 6, after a full two weeks' holiday.

In each home room at the school, a Christmas tree was held and gifts were exchanged. Students received gift bags of candies, fruit and nuts from John H. Shary.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

EDCOUCH—Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Shepherd and son, Clovis, will entertain as their holiday guests Mr and Mrs. Glen Dowlen and small sons, Canyon, Curtis Shepherd, Canyon, and M. D. Shepherd of Silverton.

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PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—(AP)—A friend suggested to Cecil Neal that he could have a beautifully frosted Christmas tree by water-spraying the fir outside his home and then allowing it to freeze.

But Neal forgot to turn off the spray and temperatures tumbled. Result: There is a veritable mountain of ice where the tree stood, but Neal can't find the tree.

$2 FINE ASSESSED

McALLEN—O. Z. Given Johnson was fined $2 in city court Saturday for driving without lights. A $10 fine for being drunk in a public place was also assessed against another defendant.

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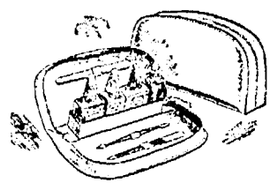

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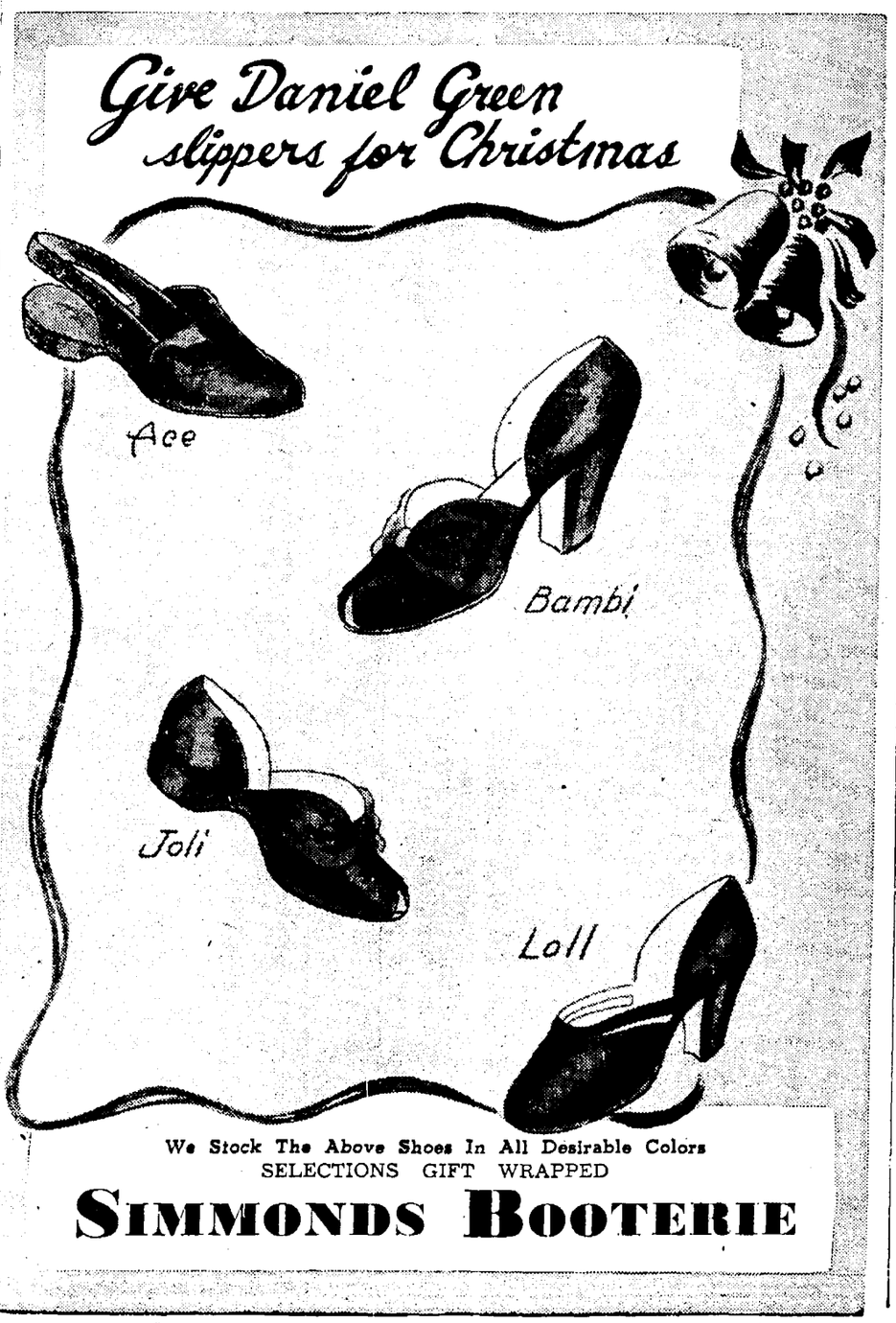

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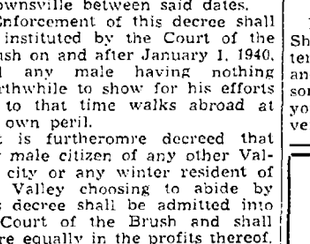

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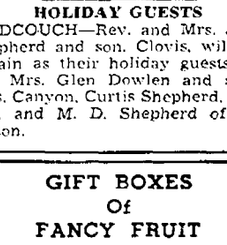

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MP INSPECTS PORT ISABEL RAILS SWITCH

Rains Won't Delay Slated Change

BROWNSVILLE—C. S. Kirkpatrick of Houston, chief engineer of the Missouri Pacific railroad, spent Saturday at Port Isabel inspecting preparations for the switch-over of the old Port Isabel and Rio Grande Valley Railway to the Missouri Pacific interests.

Although heavy rain in the Valley the past few days has hampered laying of 3.6 miles of track between Abney and so connect Port Isabel with the San Benito line, the switch-over will be made on schedule at midnight December 31, Mr. Kirkpatrick said.

Approximately one mile of the necessary track has been laid, and all grading for the rail connection has been completed, chief engineer said.

The PI and RGV Railroad, founded in 1872, is the oldest operating railroad in South Texas. Missouri Pacific acquired the railway recently and decided to take out the Brownsville-Port Isabel line and replace it with a direct Port Isabel-San Benito line.

Acquisition of the railway gave Missouri Pacific a direct connection with Port of Brownsville.

Kirkpatrick said he would return to his Houston headquarterts Saturday night and would remain there until after Christmas, returning here before December 31.

Reserve Officer Honored By Club

McALLEN — At an impromptu luncheon Saturday, members of the Kiwanis club honored Dr. I. J. Berk, called to duty January 8 in army service at Fort Clark. Dr. Berk is the first member of the civic club called.

Approximately 35 members who were present made brief speeches, with Berk as their main subject. The club presented him a traveling bag as a farewell gift.

Dr. Berk was scheduled to leave Sunday for a vacation visit in Florida and Havana before reporting for duty. He holds a captain's ranking in the army reserve corps.

Library's Building Fund Hiked By $25

SAN BENITO—The building fund of the San Benito Library and Community Center, now under construction, was increased $25 Saturday when a check for that amount was received by the chamber of commerce as an award won by San Benito's representative in the style show at the Weslaco Birthday celebration. The entry, Miss Betty Swan Lockmiller, was sponsored by the San Benito Women's Council in cooperation with the chamber of commerce. The gown worn by Miss Lockmiller was designed and made by Mrs. Bill Duncan.

San Benito Reserve Will Take Training

SAN BENITO — Second Lieut. Fred Booth of Company M, Texas National Guard, has received orders to report for special training at Fort Benning, Georgia, in rifle and heavy weapons. He will leave Thursday for the three months training and is to report for duty on his return to Texas at Camp Bowie at Brownwood with Company M.

All except 18 members of the company are on special Christmas leave which began at noon Saturday until 6 a. m. Thursday. The unit has not yet received definite travel orders to move to Camp Bowie.

Tip Toppers Dance Planned On Dec. 28

MISSION—Invitations have been posted to college and young married sets in the Upper Valley for a holiday dance to be given by the Mission Tip Toppers Saturday, December 28, at the Casa de Palmas in McAllen. The guest list is limited to 100 couples and the invitations ask that the cards be presented at the door. Script will be one dollar per couple, plus the tax.

In charge of the arrangements for the party are Miss Betty Davenport, chairman; Miss Frances Thompson, Mrs. John W. Griffin, and Mrs. James Wood, president.

Officers Of Bridge Club Are Selected

McALLEN—Mrs. J. E. Marsden was elected president of the Contract Bridge club organized Friday by winter visitors and tourists. Mrs. L. G. O'Toole was named playing director.

Special lessons for those wishing to learn contract will start after the holidays. Mrs. W. H. Perry, Mrs. William E. Gerke and O. B. Emerson reported for the nominating committee. The auction bridge players are expected to organize immediately after the holidays.

Aged Woman Dies As Auto Is Overturned

BRYAN, Tex.—(AP)—Miss Hayden Baugh, about 60, believed to be from Los Angeles, died in a Bryan hospital from injuries received when her car overturned near Hearne Saturday morning.

Hearne police found an address, 5222 Liveoak View Avenue, Los Angeles, in Miss Baugh's effects.

Two soldiers riding with the woman sustained minor injuries.

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Reynosa Officers Invited To Fete

REYNOSA, Tamps., Mexico—For the first time in the history of the Texas Citrus Fiesta, scheduled for presentation in Mission in January, Queen Citrianna, who reigns over the Fiesta each year, made a personal visit to Mexico to invite Reynosa civil and military officials to participate in the big show. Here are pictured Miss Jane Weinert of Donna, center of front row, as she greeted Reynosa civil and military officials in the center of the new Hidalgo-Reynosa international bridge only a few hours after the last planking of the bridge was laid. Standing in the front row are, left to right, Ramiro Rodriguez of the Valley Bridge Co., J. Franklin Ewers, member of the Mission Chamber of Commerce board of directors, sponsors of the Fiesta; on Miss Weinert's right is Gen. Pedro Lopez Tafoya, commander of the Sixth Mexican Military Zone, and on her left is Lieut.-Col. Salvador Biramontes C.

BRIDGE FETE IS POSTPONED

Government Quarters May Be Improved

McALLEN — Official ceremonies formally opening the reconstructed international bridge between Hidalgo and Reynosa scheduled for Sunday afternoon have been postponed until the weather clears, Valley Bridge Company officials announced Saturday.

Civic and military officials of both Reynosa and McAllen were to take part in the ceremonies. The parking lot near the bridge was covered with seven inches of water Saturday morning and continued rain forced the postponement, the officials said.

They also announced that plans have been prepared for submission to the United States government for improvement in the buildings which house the customs and immigration services at the north end of the span.

The bridge company is ready to start construction as soon as an agreement has been reached, the officials said.

The suspension structure was reopened to traffic last Sunday, December 15.

Faculty At La Joya Stages Xmas Party

LA JOYA—Gifts of Christmas candies and nuts were presented to 500 students of La Joya school Friday afternoon as a holiday gift from members of the faculty at the closing of school for the Christmas vacations. Schools of the Tabasco district, of which the La Joya unit is the central school, will re-convene Thursday, January 2.

Home room programs and an assembly when students sang Christmas carols were othetr features Friday afternoon at the La Joya school after the final classes were dismissed at noon.

Suit For $23,000 Damages Is Filed

EDINBURG—Damages of $23,000 are asked by C. O. Watson, Edinburg citrus grower, in a suit filed in civil district court Saturday against Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement district No. 1, which serves the Edinburg and North McAllen areas. The suit alleges damage to 40 acres of land three miles north of the courthouse here on U. S. Highway 281, Watson contends the damage occurred from continuous canal overflows.

Saturday May Have Been Officially First Day Of Winter But Weather Has Been Wintry For At Least Six Weeks

CHICAGO—(AP)—The almanac says it was the first day of winter Saturday.

Practically the entire country, however, has known about winter for at least six weeks. Armistice Day had terrific wind and snow storms. A sub-zero Arctic wave in the north, floods, in Texas, followed early in December.

Nevertheless the winter solstice began at 5:55 p. m. (CST) Saturday. It was also the shortest day of the year.

Contrarily, the first day of winter arrived with mild temperatures over most of the nation, Forecaster H. A. Downs said. It was morde than 25 degrees above normal, for example, in Montana and North Dakota, with a high of 56 at Great Falls, Mont.

Downs said it would continue mild over the week-end in the mid west. A change to somewhat colder weather was due early next week but, he added, there appeared to be little chance of new snow for a white Christmas. It may rain, instead, Christmas Day.

LOCAL MAN IS LOW BIDDER

Lockhart In Line For Brownsville Job

BROWNSVILLE — John Lockhart, Harlingen contractor, was low bidder on a new Jones Transfer Co., Inc., warehouse project here with a bid of $9,600 according to Woolridge and Torres, Brownsville, architects for the job.

Work will start after the first of the year, and the warehouse will be located on Fronton street across from the ice plant, it was said.

The structure will be one story high, 80 feet wide and 100 feet long. It will be built of concrete and tile.

Other bidders included' Nick and Ferguson, S. W. McKenzie and Holden and Archer, all of Brownsville; and Moser Construction Co. of McAllen.

Christmas Week For Orphans Proclaimed

AUSTIN—(AP)—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel proclaimed Dec. 22-28 as "Orphans Christmas Week" and urged citizens to "open their homes and hearts" to inmates of state and other orphans' homes.

The governor last Sunday suggested the procedure of taking orphans into homes for Christmas and his plan was well received.

Cadet Arrives Home

HARLINGEN — Cadet Charles Raymond Burk, son of Mrs. Bessie Burk, owner of the Reese-Wilmond Hotel here, left Wednesday from Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., to spend the Christmas holidays here. Cadet Burk was one of 600 cadets who closed the fall term work at Riverside December 18.

Hurt In Crash

Two Collisions Occur In McAllen

McALLEN—One person was injured in a series of two auto crashes Friday evening within a block of each other on the main highway.

Mrs. D. M. McEachern of McAllen was given emergency treatment at City Hospital for slight injuries suffered when the car her husband was driving was in collision with one driven by T. W. Longino of McAllen at the intersection of Second street and Highway avenue. Their son, Marvin, suffered slight cuts.

The collision occurred, investigating officers said, as McEachern's car was being driven on to the highway at the interscection. Both autos were badly damaged.

Mac Henderson of Pharr was fined a total of $30 on three road violation charges and his license suspended for six months Saturday morning by Justice of the Peace T. W. Kelly as the aftermath of a collision in which his car figured Friday night. The collision occurred at the Third street-Highway avenue intersection.

State Patrolman A. B. Nail, County Patrolman Harris Cozby, Chief of Police Noah Cannon and Patrolman Earl Hersh investigated both crashes.

NEW STATION TO BE BUILT

Conoco Will Locate At McAllen

McALLEN — Construction of a $10,000 service station for the Continental Oil Company on the northeast corner of Main street and Beech avenue will be started as soon as a house located on the property is moved, representatives of the company announced Saturday.

The corner is being purchased from R. A. Ewing of Edcouch for $7,500, according to Frank L. Gilbert, McAllen real estate man handling the deal. He said the transfer would be completed when the abstract and title are checked by the oil firm's legal department.

A permit for the erection of a $7,500 brick and glass service station was taken out Saturday, and officials estimated that equipment and landscaping would raise the total cost to $10,000.

The company's decision to locate at McAllen was made when the city commission Friday night amended an ordinance which now provides that before a filling station can be built in the city at a location in which two-thirds of the buildings within a distance of 500 feet along the line of the same street or streets from the proposed building, the builder must have the written consent of the owners of two-thirds of the residential property owners. The old section required the written consent of all property owners, whether business or residential.

The building permit for the Conoco station was issued after the company presented the necessary signatures.

Christmas Music

San Juan Church To Present Choir

SAN JUAN—Annual program of Christmas music will be presented by the choir of the San Juan People's Church Sunday night, under direction of Miss Doris Ewing. Choir includes 30 members.

Program includes "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "The Shepherd's Story," "Holy Season," "Angels From The Realms of Glory," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," two selections by the junior high school sextette: "Contique de Noel," Mrs. Paul Hetrick; "We Three Kings of Christ Are," "The Gloria," "The First Noel," "Oh, Little Town of Belthlehem," Mrs. C. M. Harris; "Silent Night," and "The Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel.

Choir includes Mesdames Paul Hetrick, Clyde Johnson, Lee Green, C. M. Harris, Clark Bellenbruch, H. A. Cox, T. E. Thompson, J. Beaty Smith, and Misses Mary Claire Gossage, Frances Cron and Berta Lou Hindes, all sopranos; altos, Mesdames Banks Miller, Ray Wilson, John Spencer, John Zipp, R. E. Williams, G. C. Ritchey, and Misses Alberta Platt and Mae Marie Buckner.

Tenors are Bryan Harris, Tom Rabinold, H. L. McCombs, Frank Hall, Max Burkhart, Alfred Sorensen; basses, H. D. Munal, Banks Miller, Jr., Dillon McDaniel, Jesse Johnson, Jerry Stugard, R. E. Williams, J. C. Doedyns.

To Visit In Mexico

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Helen S. Craig and Miss Gloria Van Slyck, both of Dallas, drove into Brownsville Saturday morning and left via Pan American Airways for Mexico City, where they plan to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Christmas 'Adoptions' Of Orphans Is Widespread

By The Associated Press

A steady procession of Texans will drop by the state children's homes at Corsicana and Waco Sunday to get a "son" or "daughter" for Christmas.

Governor O'Daniel announced last Sunday that his family would play host Christmas week to two youngsters from state homes for underprivileged children, and asked other families to make similar temporary "adoptions" if feasible.

Superintendent J. S. Halley said applications to the state orphans' home at Corsicana greatly exceeded the supply of children under 14 years old. Approximately 500 applications have been sent in, he said, and more than 250 children already have been assigned for the Christmas period.

First In History

This is the first time in the history of the local institution that children have been assigned to private homes for the holidays.

The O'Daniel family selected six-year-old Wanda Kilgore from the Corsicana home and four-year-old Charles Goodson from the Waco home to share Christmas festivities in the governor's mansion.

State highway patrolmen and local police will be called to handle traffic at Waco Sunday at noon when the governor is expected to arrive for the Goodson lad. Many other Texans probably will reach Waco at about the same time to get their young Christmas guests.

104 Promised Already

One hundred and four children from the Waco home already have been definitely promised to families, and additional requests are expected to take all the children who can leave.

Some receiving special treatment or having severe colds will not be permitted to go.

Governor and Mrs. O'Daniel are scheduled to arrive at Corsicana at 3 p.m. Sunday to pick up little Miss Kilgore. A public reception for the chief executive will be held at the orphans home.

Thirty boys and girls, or about one third of those at the state colored orphans home at Gilmer, will be adopted for Christmas. The hosts, from as far away as Wichita Falls, Houston and Dallas, will call for the children today.

Christmas Services Are Set For Donna

DONNA—Christmas services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Methodist Church here. Rev. Oscar E. Linstrum, pastor, will speak on "Symbols of Christmas," and at the 7:30 p.m. service, on "Bethlehem's Gift."

Carols will be included in the special Christmas music, and at the evening service a candlelight ceremony will be held.

Carols Program Set

HARLINGEN — Christmas services will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., with singing of Christmas carols and hymns under direction of H. M. Chilcoat. Rev. J. B. Wilder, pastor, urged the general public to attend.

CAMP BOWIE'S MEN ON LEAVE

Draftees Sent Home For Christmas

BROWNWOOD — (AP) — Soldiers scattered from Camp Bowie Saturday on Christmas leaves until reville Thursday when additional troops will begin arriving.

Headquarters of the 36th division announced the camp was 60 per cent complete, with facilities, including roads, 98 per cent ready for the 36th.

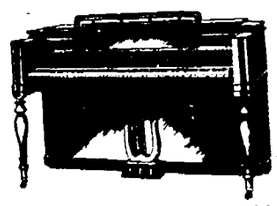
Work proceeded at full speed Saturday although some mud persisted despite five days of sunshine. A total of 12,073 men drew $335,442 in wages during the last week.

The 1,217 enlisted men and 125 officers were reported comfortably housed with stoves already in 1,151 tents while 889 more can be installed in a few hours when required.

Headquarters again declared there was no influenza epidemic and said there were no serious cases. Those with colds were sent to the hospital for two days.

MRS. EDELSTEIN RECOVERS

McALLEN—Mrs. J. Edelstein, who had been confined to the City Hospital for the past week because of a serious illness, was returned to her home Friday. Friends said she had recovered from the sickness and felt much improved Saturday.



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AUSTIN—(AP)—Local draft boards Saturday were mailed the number of class 1-A registrants each will be required to furnish to complete Texas' quota of 7,312 men for the January 13-February 4 induction period, selective service headquarters announced.

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Being one of the pioneers in canning pink grapefruit segments, we shall continue production of this item. Segments of White Marsh and Duncan fruit will also be canned, as well as the usual line of juices.

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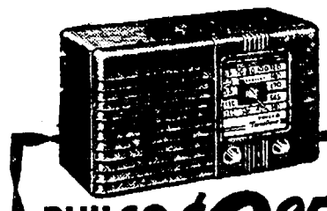

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Adminstration Ponders Labor Compromise In Contracting Armaments

CONTRACT TO COMPLY WITH WAGNER ACT?

Workers Still Balk Defense Program

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The administration was reported Saturday to be studying means of compromising the one major controversy that has cropped up over national defense—whether armament contracts shall include a clause requiring compliance with labor laws.

Broader Clause

Informed sources said the war department was considering a broader clause than that now included in defense contracts. At present, contractors need only pledge observance of the Walsh-Healy Act under which the labor department can fix wage and hour standards for an industry.

Some officials doubted that any concessions would include the proposal of Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission, and CIO leaders that the contracts state specifically that employers must comply with the Wagner Act guaranteeing labor the right to organize and bargain collectively.

Seek Compromise

In seeking a compromise the war department was represented to be trying to reconcile conflicting views both within and without the defense commission, with the primary objective of preventing any delay in defense preparations.

The navy has not figured in the latest phase of the labor controversy, but logically would be governed by any alteration of contracts. It has concurred with the expressed view of William S. Knudsen, defense commissioner in charge of production, that stipulations not specifically required by law had no logical place in defense orders. Congress directed that the Walsh-Healy stipulation be included in all contracts of $10,000 or over.

GIRL CLAIMS WAS SEDUCED

Insurance Broker Is Placed In Jail

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—(AP)—A story of seduction and betrayal, told by a 17-year-old stenographer, placed Isaac Brown, 41, New York insurance broker, behind bars, charged with felonious assault.

The story was related by Matilda Le Boyer, daughter of a New York lawyer, from her cot in Mount Vernon Hospital, where she was taken suffering from knife wounds in the throat.

Police Chief Michael I. Silverstein quoted the girl as saying Brown had brought her here to have an abortion performed.

Instead, Silverstein said the girl charged, Brown, while walking with her to a "doctor's" house, took her into a parking lot, bound her hands, looped radio wire around her neck, stabbed her in the throat with a penknife and left her there.

Brown, who is married, denied the charge, as well as responsibility for the girl's condition.

The girl said she met Brown last July when she answered his advertisement for a stenographer.

City Cooperates In Community Singing

SAN BENITO—City officials and business men are cooperating with the San Benito Music clubs in sponsoring the annual Christmas Community Sing scheduled for 9 p.m. Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at the corner of West Batts street and Sam Houston boulevard by the Central Power and Light company building.

Mrs. G .C. Schurman will direct the program and all members of church choirs and other singers are requested to meet at the Christian church at 4p.m. Sunday for massed choir rehearsal.

Pan American Chief Holidays In Mexico

BROWNSVILLE — Erwin Balluder, western division manager for Pan American Airways, was scheduled to leave Brownsville Saturday afternoon by Pan American Airways for Mexico City, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Mrs. Balluder and their two daughters, Carmen and Gerda, left Brownsville Friday by plane for Mexico.

Red Cross Meeting Set For January 13

SAN BENITO—The annual membership meeting of the Harlingen-San Benito chapter of the American Red Cross will be held January 13 at the Collins Insurance office. Naming of a chapter chairman to succeed Joe A. Sloan, who recently resigned, and other officials is slated for this session. All members of the Red Cross are eligible to attend and vote.

Three Are Hurt As Ireland Is Bombed

DUBLIN — (AP) — Three persons were injured and several houses damaged when two bombs dropped by an unidentified air raider fell in Dun Laoghaire (Kingston), only seven miles from brilliantly-lighted Dublin, capital city of neutral Eire.

The government information bureau gave brief details of the incidents but there was no official indication whether a protest would be mad-

Don't Let Him Ruin Your Holiday Trip

Fruit Cake Returned To Its Sender Somewhat Drier But Still Unbitten Following Long Trip Around Europe

CUMBERLAND, Md.— (AP) —A wandering fruit cake is home again after a tour of Europe.

Mailed December 1, 1939, by Frank Bennett as a Christmas present to his son, Ernest, engaged in war relief work abroad, it arrived at Valencia, Spain, after Ernest had left for France.

The cake arrived in several French towns just behind Ernest, and reached Paris a few days after Ernest moved out before the German occupation.

Unbitten, the cake came back after 383 days to Father Frank.

"A wee bit dry, but improved with age," Bennett said after sampling it.

Kiwanis Head Dines 8 Past-Presidents

SAN BENITO—Past presidents of the San Benito Kiwanis club were entertained at dinner Friday night by C. L. Milner, newly elected president, at his home in Valencia Park. Former presidents attending the dinner were Mayor Louis S. Witte, Dr. E. T. Morris, J. P. Ellis, John Prentiss, Morgan Finley, S. V. Neely, Elmer Morris and Joe A. Sloan. Mr. Milner served as secretary of the club during the administration of each of these past presidents and this meeting was the first ever held of the former officials.

Italy, Spain and the United States are the leading producers of mercury.

Lights Contestants Urged To Register

SAN BENITO—All San Benitans who plan to enter the yard and home Christmas decorations contest are requested to register with the chamber of commerce office before 5 p. m. Tuesday. The judging of special decorations will take place that night by a committee selected by Mrs. J. C. Tucker, president of the San Benito Garden club. There will be three cash awards for first, second and third places.

FHA REPORTS BUILDING HIKE

New Construction In Defense Areas

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The FHA said Saturday that increases as much as 155 percent in new home construction had been registered in areas where the national defense program has accelerated industrial activity.

Administrator Abner H. Ferguson said in a statement that these new homes were being financed by FHA-insured loans "through the established machinery of private builders and private lending institutions."

During the 18 weeks ended November 30, which Ferguson said was the period when defense production was "getting under way on a major scale," a total of 64,542 new small homes were financed, an increase for the nation of 33.5 percent over the same period in 1939.

The 155 percent increase over the 1939 period, Ferguson said, was reported by FHA's Hartford office. The Cincinnati office reported a 123 percent increase and the Richmond, Va., office 94 percent.

Exes To Banquet

A. & I. Ex-Students Meeting Friday

HARLINGEN — Ex-students of Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, will stage a holiday reunion dinner at the Madison Hotel Friday, December 27, at 6 p.m., local committeemen said Saturday.

President Loftin and Dean Conner of the college, as well as other members of the faculty and board of directors, and prominent Valley citizens, will attend, Jerry Elliott, committeeman, said. The affair will be stag, Elliott said, and entertainment and luncheon will be $1.50. Reservations should be forwarded immediately to Bodin-Elliott, Box 1268 here.

Unmarried Waitress Held In Slaying Of Daughter

BABYLON, N. Y.—(AP)—A 20-year-old unmarried waitress held on murder charges in the death of her new-born daughter Thursday admitted Saturday, Suffolk county authorities reported, that she had snuffed out the life of a baby born to her two years ago.

The young woman, the mother of a 4-year-old son, was named by Lindsay R. Henry, chief assistant district attorney, as Emma Louise Chichester. She was taken to a hospital pending arraignment next week. A sister, Mary, 17, and their father, Israel, were held as material witnesses.

An anonymous phone call to the police of this Long Island village brought about her arrest Friday night. The caller said the woman's daughter was wrapped in blankets in a bureau drawer of the Chichester home.

The body was found there and Henry later announced that the woman had admitted smothering the infant shortly after its unattended birth. A few hours after the birth, Henry said, the woman went to work at the tavern where she was employed.

Malaria continued a downward trend in the United States in 1939 for the sixth consecutive year.

BENEFIT BALL SET DEC. 27

Bundles For Britain Sponsors Dance

WESLACO—A committee meeting for the Bundles for Britain Ball, to be held Friday, December 27, at Miller's Grill, was held at the home of Mrs. Tom Sammons Thursday night and plans for the ball were discussed. Mrs. Sammons, chairman of the Weslaco chapter of Bundles for Britain, and Mrs. Morris Allen, chairman of the Mercedes chapter, appointed the following chairmen of committees: Ted Cressner, Weslaco, decorations; Mrs. Jack Zellafro, Weslaco, favors; Joe Davidson, Weslaco, and Mrs. Marvin Farley, Mercedes, publicity, and Tom Sammons, Weslaco, radio publicity.

Edgar Yates and Charles Wheeler of Mercedes represented the 20-30 club of Mercedes at the meeting and offered their assistance in selling tickets. Mrs. Sammons said that the 20-30 clubs of Weslaco, Harlingen, San Benito and Brownsville are also assisting.

Present also at the meeting were Mrs. Marvin Farley and David Allen of Mercedes.

PHARR LIGHTS DISPLAY SET

Park Decorated For Xmas Season

PHARR—The community Christmas lighting display in the City Park sponsored by the Garden and Kiwanis clubs was completed Friday with attractive arrangements of lights on both the band stand and the water fountain.

The bandstand has been converted into a homelike atmosphere, with fireplace, Christmas tree and stockings, with two little girls waiting at the chimney for Santa to come. A large Santa is on top of the bandstand, illuminated by flood lights. A large lighted star hangs high above the bandstand and to the side.

The water fountain has been attractively decorated with vari-colored lights.

The display is visible from the highway and has attracted the interest of the passers-by on the main Valley highway.

Merchants and individuals contributed approximately $60 to make the display possible.

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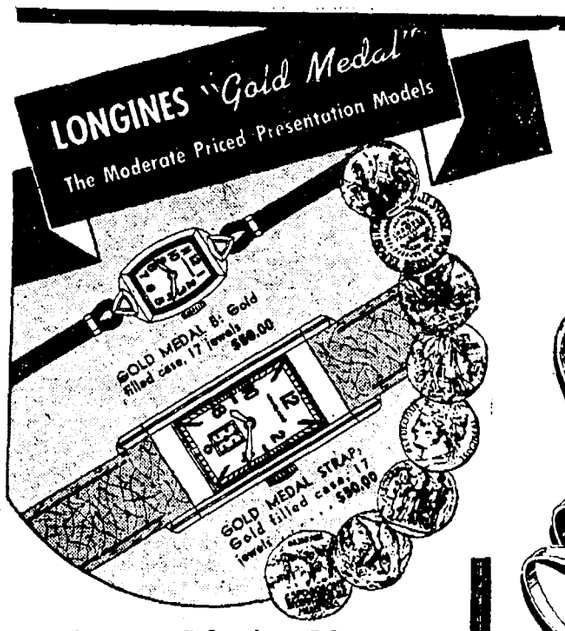

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PIUS PLEADS FOR PRAYERS DURING XMAS

Pope Concerned For Children In War

VATICAN CITY—(AP)—Pope Pius XII asked the world's Catholics Saturday to pray at Christmastime for the sufferers of war and to remember in charity these "little brothers who are without bread, without clothing and without family."

In a letter to Cardinal Magilone, the Papal secretary of state, the Pontiff expressed concern for the children and urged that "everyone do what he can, where he can, how he can."

He expressed once again hope the warring countries would "do honor to the good traditions of civilized life by not permitting the children of belligerent countries or those in any way involved in the war to suffer unmerited pain . . ."

He had done all he could, he said, to avert the ills of war, but he had met "difficulties at all times more serious still than those in the past World War—some of them inherent to the very nature of the scourge which is raging; others, we must also say, interposed by the will of men."

Thus, "armed only with the arms of truth, justice and Christian charity, that which we can do still once more is to invite all propitating prayer and significant beneficent action."

RELIEF DRIVE IS POSTPONED

Boy Scouts Collect Supplies Monday

HARLINGEN—Rain forced postponement of the collection of food, clothing and toys for Christmas baskets to be distributed by the Salvation Army and allied organizations, Legion Commander Dan Heslop said, but that scouts would make the house-to-house canvass Monday beginning at 9:30 a. m.

The canvass was set originally for Saturday afternoon. Salvation Army, the Legion, churches and other civic organizations have cooperated in the Christmas Basket Exchange, and some 500 baskets are being filled at the Army's headquarters on North Commerce avenue. Baskets will be distributed to needy families Christmas Eve.

Considerable amount of canned food, staples, new and repaired toys, and clothing has been assembled at Salvation Army headquarters, but Heslop and co-workers indicated more supplies are urgently needed, and appealed to citizens to donate these items. They will be collected Monday morning by the scouts.

Repaired toys assembled by the firemen here have been turned over to the Christmas Basket Exchange, whereas in past years firemen have distributed gifts to tots of needy families.

Picnic Planned

All-States Program Is Due In February

McALLEN—Representatives from several states in the Valley called by Roy Johnston, president of the "All States" picnic, met Friday morning at Legion hall to discuss the event.

Each state president or state representative was asked to appoint a committee from each state in order to decide on registration badges representing their home state and to plan stunts with which to answer the roll call at the picnic to be held in McAllen the first week in February.

Johnston also urged each person to send a card back home asking their friends to come down to the Valley in time for the all-day celebration. Those attending the meeting here were Mrs. J. H. Humble of Colorado, Fred Clapsaddle, president of the Iowa group; Miss Frances Golong of Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice of Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hall of Minnesota, Mrs. Spencer H. Sterling of Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Holman of North Dakota, Mrs. Fazor and Mrs. G. M. Baldwin of Ohio and Mrs. Flitner of Wyoming.

County Judges Back FD In British Help

AUSTIN—(AP)—The executive and legislative committees of the County Judges and Commissioners Association Saturday telegraphed President Roosevelt their approval of his "efforts to rush all possible aid to England as well as our own defense."

The judges said they spoke as the elected officials "closest to the people of Texas."

Culberson To Take Oath On January 2

AUSTIN—(AP)—Olin Culberson, railroad commissioner-elect, said Saturday he would take the oath of office January 2 at 2 p.m. in the senate chamber.

The attorney general's department has ruled that the term of Chairman Lon A. Smith whom Culberson will replace on the three-man regulatory agency expires January 1.

Hospital Releases Auto Crash Victim

OLNEY—(AP)—Arch S. Underwood, Lubbock cotton man, who was injured in an automobile accident near here Thursday, was released from a hospital Friday and was being returned to his home at Lubbock in an ambulance.

Mrs. Underwood was only slightly injured.

Conquest Of Europe Termed Top Story Of 1940; Top 10 Listed By AP

Roosevelt's Third Term Ranks Second With Defense Program Third; War Stories Predominate

By MORGAN M. BEATTY
AP Feature Service Writer

The battle of the headlines also was news in 1940!

World shattering events jostled each other for front page positions in the nation's newspapers. And the newspapers, before they could print these stories had to GET them.

Hard working reporters and skillful editors enabled the papers to get this news and to play it properly.

And enable us to give you again an impartial well-informed estimate on the year's big stories.

Morgan M. Beatty

More than a score of news editors and other newsmen — men who helped gather and put together your daily budget of news around the world — helped pick these Big Ten stories of 1940:

1. German invasion of Norway, the Low Countries and France.
2. Renomination and election of Roosevelt for a third term.
3. National defense program, climaxed by the peacetime draft.
4. Battle of Britain.
5. Evacuation of Dunkerque.
6. Trade of U. S. destroyers for British naval bases.
7. Greco-Italian war.
8. Russo-Finnish war.
9. Axis-Japanese pact for redistribution of the world's wealth.
10. The Act of Havana, providing for common hemisphere defense.

The judging job was worse than filling out an income tax return. For first place the board of judges was almost evenly divided between (1) the precedent shattering renomination and election of the President, and (2) the German spring invasions.

Fuse For Many Bombs

I cast the deciding vote, giving the German invasion the edge because I felt that continuous event set off the whole string of news explsions that shook the world in 1940. That put the Roosevelt election in second place.

An extremely close third was the American national defense program, headed up by the unprecedented drafting of American manpower in peacetime.

The battle of Britain easily commanded fourth place. But the selection for fifth position presented a strange problem in news judgment. Upon first thought, the escape at Dunkerque seemed to be a part of the battle of France. But the editorial board insisted on giving that parcel of British heroism a ranking position.

Destroyer Deal A Surprise

The deal between the United States and Great Britain, trading 50 old destroyers for future leases on British territory in the western hemisphere, developed over-whelming pressure for sixth position. It had the elements of surprise contained by only one other story of the year—the German invasion.

Those satellite wars—the Greco-Italian affair now commanding front page headlines, and the Russo-Finnish set-to—edged into seventh and eighth places because of the appeal of the fighting underdog. Without it, they'd have been sideshows.

The Axis-Japanese pact which took No. 9 position, was historically significant because three powers publicly planned a redistribution of world wealth before they had that wealth to divide. Odd, audacious, perhaps ludicrous, depending on the future course of events.

Last in the Big Ten, but far from least in the long list of important stories fo 1940, comes the Act of Havana.

The quality of the leftovers is surprisingly high. Take "Galloping Gertie," the Tacoma bridge that shimmied into oblivion. Or Leopold's surrender, or Carol's abdication, or the Windsors going to the Bahamas and, eventually, the United States.

The kidnaping of Marc de Tristan, Jr., the Trotsky assassination, the threat of famine in Europe in the midst of world plenty, the smashing British victories in the Mediterranean, the Knox and Stimson appointments to the Roosevelt cabinet, and John Lewis' bet on the wrong presidential horse—all warranted Big Ten position in any year save crowded 1940.

(For Ten Best Valley Stories, see Monday's Valley Morning Star.)

Top Ten Stories Of 1939

1. France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.
2. British royal couple visits U. S.
3. Congress repeals arms embargo.
4. Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.
5. Hitler escapes death in Munich bomb explosion.
6. Will F.D.R. choose to run?
7. Thanksgiving date debate.
8. Sit-down strikes outlawed by Supreme Court.
9. Dies committee battles "isms."
10. Fascist Franco wins Spanish civil war.

Top Ten Stories Of 1938

1. Munich conference.
2. Republican gains in off-year elections.
3. Anti-Semitism.
4. New England hurricane.
5. Douglas Corrigan's "wrong way" flight.
6. U. S. rearmament.
7. War in China.
8. Business recovery.
9. Martian invasion scare.
10. The Whitney case.

Charged Water Flows Out Of Faucets And Customers Think It Fine Stuff But It All Turns Out To Be Mistake

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Apartment dwellers in a west side district thought it was quite splendid of the city water department when they turned on their kitchen faucets and got charged water. Right at the start of the holiday, too.

But it didn't last. Sid Benedict, water engineer, finally located the cause of the effervescent beverage which the city was serving.

A service station attendant in the neighborhood by mistake—at least he told Benedict it was a mistake—had attached an air compressor hose to a city water pipe instead of to the station's air pipe.

Benedict said the department got a lot of complaints after the error was corrected.

Congratulations

MISSION — Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Jenkins of Mission on the birth of a daughter Friday morning at the Medical Arts Clinic in Mission. The baby, who weighted eight pounds, is the granddaughter of Sheriff and Mrs. R. T. Daniel. She is the first baby born in the new clinic.

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"Dance Girl Dance"
And
BARBARA STANWYCK and JOEL McCREA in
"Banjo on My Knee"
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HENRY FONDA in
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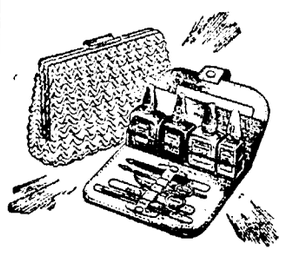

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XMAS EVENTS ARE PLANNED

McAllen Tourists To Stage Party

McALLEN—Christmas events will feature activities of tourists in McAllen during the coming week. A party will be held Christmas Eve, Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m. at Legion hall and a dinner will be held Christmas Day at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Monday at 4 p. m. there will be a conducted tour to Reynosa, Mexico, with a wild game dinner at 6 p. m. The advanced Spanish class will meet at the regular hour at Legion hall. All other classes will be suspended until the following Friday. Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. there will be a Christmas tree at Legion hall. All tourists and winter visitors are asked to bring a 10-cent gift and place their name in a basket so that each person present may receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Wednesday at 11:30 a. m. there will be a pre-luncheon reception in the Spanish room at the Casa de Palmas; at 12 noon a turkey dinner will be served and the afternoon will be spent in playing novel Christmas games. Tourists are asked to register by noon Tuesday.

Thursday at 1:30 p. m. there will be a tour to the "Ever Green" fields and Engelman Gardens. The tour will leave from the chamber of commerce building. Friday at 9:30 a. m. the Spanish club will meet followed at 11 a. m. by the Sewing club. At 2 p. m. the regular game party will be held in Legion hall.

38 Men Called

Draftees At Mission Inducted Jan. 20

MISSION—Thirty-eight men will be called from Hidalgo County Draft Board No. 2, Mission Selective Service program, to report at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, January 20, the board was notified Saturday. All of the men must be white. They will be inducted into the army Monday, January 20, leaving Mission Sunday night, January 19, it is expected. The new quota exceeds more than four times the first call quota of eight men sent in November.

Comment Refused On Foreign Ship Sales

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary Hull declined Saturday to comment on statements made in Berlin to the effect that Germany would consider it an unfriendly act if the United States requisitioned foreign flag ships now in American ports and sold them to the British government.

The secretary was asked at his press conference if he would give the views of the American government on the question and replied in the negative.

Henderson Boy Dies In Fall From Horse

HENDERSON—(AP)—T. Grant McLemore, 6, was killed Saturday when he fell from his bucking horse near Joinerville.

Officers said the youth died of head injuries when his head struck the ground. His arm was mangled by a road maintainer that was moving nearby. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

American Is Taken From U. S. Steamship

ABOARD THE S.S. EXCAMBION AT BERMUDA—(AP)—British authorities removed an American citizen, Oscar Stabler, barber on the Excambion, when the ship, en route to New York, called at Bermuda. The charges were not disclosed. Stabler was born at Stuttgart, Germany.

Near-Sneeze And Rain Caused This

Eddie Schrage of Mission, driver of this tank truck, said that he lost control of it on the slippery pavement west of La Feria Friday morning when he felt a sneeze coming on. The sneeze failed to materialize but the truck ploughed through the mud and sheered off an ornamental palm tree. The tank is shown here being emptied of its load through a hose attached to another truck. The truck is property of J. C. Kelly of Edinburg.

The World Of John Doe Changed By 1940 News

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE
AP Feature Service Writer

Much of the world that John Doe, average American, learned to live in blew up in 1940.

For a few months, events abroad and at home were comparatively placid. The European conflict seemed a "phoney" war. (Remember?) The usual preliminary fireworks heralded the presidential contest, but folks were not greatly steamed up.

Even Germany's quick gobbling up of Denmark and Norway, and the British retreat from the northern front, did not dislodge John Doe's belief that "the impregnable Maginot line" and "the crack French army" still were a most potent pair of military aces.

A. R. George

Then on May 10 came the Nazi lightning. Across Holland and Belgium, which had staked their safety on pledges of neutrality, and into France rolled the German juggernaut. Within 40 days, Hitler pushed from the Rhine to the English Channel. The soldiers of a new Napoleon held western Europe from the Arctic Circle to sunny Spain.

John Doe was awed by the swift and annihilating onslaught of this new military machine, with its tanks, flame-throwing infantrymen, dive bombers, fifth columnists and parachutists.

John Doe began to wonder how long England could hold out and whether "it might happen here."

His demands for super-defense turned a budget-minded Congress into the No. 1 peace-time spender.

Along came Wendell Willkie, a new kind of presidential prospect. The former Democrat and utilities executive, with his amazing candor, captured the fancy of anti-administration voters. Despite his Wall Street background he won the Republican nomination to kick the props from under another political tradition.

A Tradition Is Broken

Then shortly after midnight on July 19, Joe Doe listened at his radio as a President in shirt sleeves sat before a microphone in the White House and told the nation that because of "over-riding public danger" he would accept a third term if the people drafted him.

John Doe, showered with political shrapnel, saw his son register for possible war service, along with 16,400,000 other young men. The fury of the campaign sent John Doe and his cousins to the polls on November 5 in greater numbers than ever before. And the third-term tradition was broken.

Japan and liberty-loving France, meanwhile, had gone totalitarian. Churchill had been given dictatorial powers to fight the Battle of Britain.

"All out" aerial warfare put millions of Europe's civilians into the front lines. Apprehensive John Doe saw the first batch of draftees set off for training camps but he heard criticisms of a "lag" in arms production.

He read of power plant explosions with hints of sabotage.

But good news came too—the boom in industrial production, the increase in factory payrolls and farm income. Not so good was a rising cost of living.

Balancing it all at year's end, John felt that he was sitting pretty compared with his cousins in almost any other part of the world.

Officers Dine With Men Before Arrests

ROXBORO, N. C.—(AP)—Sheriff W. T. Clayton and deputies surprised a trio distilling moonshine whiskey—but mingled with the odors of alcohol was another odor, that of a cooking stew.

So the officers joined the distillers in a good old-fashioned outdoor feed before taking them to jail.

BOARD SENDS 100 BLANKS

Total 250 Draftees Now Called Here

HARLINGEN—An additional 100 questionnaires, making a total of 250 sent out by the Harlingen draft board, have been sent to selective service registrants and 31 men are to be sent for a year's military training from the Harlingen area January 16, said Ralph Ormesher, clerk. Seven men were furnished on the first call in November.

Not as many volunteers are now being received as desired and there is a fine opportunity for young men wishing to get their year's military training behind them to do so, Ormesher said. The opportunity is especially good for those whose jobs are not of the best at this time because they can enlist, serve their time in the service, and then be ready to accept any better position that is offered without being faced by prospects of taking military service, Ormesher pointed out.

"Speaking as a former service man, I would say that a year's military training is a fine thing for a young man," Ormesher said.

Canadian and British immigrants comprise by far the greatest portion of Detroit's foreign-born.

FIESTA SETS TOURIST DAY

Visitors To Compete For Cash Prize

MISSION—Winter visitors from various states will compete for a cash prize to be offered by the Texas Citrus Fiesta, to be held in Mission next month when Tourist Day will be held Saturday, January 18. The award will be made to the largest representation from any certain state entered in the Tourist Parade which will be one of the entertainments planned for the special day, it was announced this week by Vance H. Glasgow, general chairman of the celebration.

All winter visitors in the Valley will be contacted and invited to participate in the events. In each city, the president of each tourist club will be asked to line up other tourists and explain the plans.

Paul Vickers, McAllen Chamber of Commerce secretary, will deliver the sermon at the Union Service, to be held Sunday night, January 19, as the closing event of the three-day celebration. Mr. Glasgow said Saturday. Vickers will talk on "Exemplified Americanism."

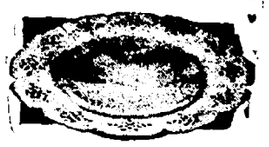
City Pays Cop For Bill At Dentist's

AUSTIN—(AP)—City Motorcycle Officer John Ott collided with a city fire truck several months ago.

His dental bill was $125.

Saturday Acting City Manager James A. Garrison announced the city would pay the bill.

EXTRA VALUE



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Shrimp, Fruit or Papaya Cocktail
Chicken a la Royal Soup
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Choice of Several Other Meats
Candied Yams Fresh String Beans
Buttered Asparagus Tips
Home Made Hot Rolls
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Stuffed Celery Salad
Ambrosia with Fruit Cake
Fresh Strawberry Short Cake, Whipped Cream
Ice Cream and Sherbets
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To Our Citrus Growers and Other Valley Friends

The following verses were composed by Miss Mary Berchmans of Brownsville, and are reprinted from the Valley Morning Star issue of November 10th, for their historical and poetic value pertaining to the Rio Grande Valley's most important industry:

WHERE THE "VALLEY" GOT ITS "MAGIC"

'Twas the "Padres" put the "Magic"
In the "Valley" long ago,
As they rode upon their missions
'Mid our ranches, to and fro.
In this land, along whose border
Rio Grande's waters flow.

Now that "Magic" which they planted
In our citrus fruits doth glow.
And if to Laguna Seca
In your travels you should go,
You would see our first "marajos"
Standing proudly in a row.

Would you like to hear the story
Of those ancient orange trees?
Then hearken to the whisperings
Of their branches and their leaves,
As they rustle and they murmur
In our "Magic Valley's" breeze.

There have been some seventy harvests
Since this "rancho" that you see
First became the "hacienda"
Of the Vela family
Now we count five generations
Of that great old family tree.

The offspring of the earliest
Were but children, so I've heard,
When there came a weary Oblate,
Riding circuit for his Lord
And he, at Laguna Seca,
Stopped to preach the Master's Word.

From the Mother Church at Brownsville
He had traveled o'er the land,
And he bore, as was his custom,
Presents, for the childish band
That ran eagerly to greet him,
And to clasp his kindly hand.

Now this day it was an orange,
Shining golden in the sun,
And the seeds were duly planted
When the simple feast was done,
By the "Padre" tired and weary,
And a happy little one.

Now the seedlings grew and prospered
'Neath the sun, so bright and gay,
Which lights up our "Magic Valley"
And its products, day by day,
But which shines with special splendor
On our citrus fruits' array.

Do you see those rings around them?
"Looks like concrete," did you say?
They are Mexican "adobe,"
Made of hardened, sun-baked clay,
And they've guarded these, our veterans,
Oh! For many and many a day.

See that old "vaquero," seated
In the shadow of those trees,
He remembers well their planting,
Saw the "Padre" on his knees,
And the little child beside him,
Laughing gaily in the breeze.

He has often told the story,
How he watched the seedlings grow,
And, a child, with other children,
Ate the golden fruit aglow,
And he grew up with those orange trees,
From seventy years ago.

They have stoutly stood time's testing,
Fierce high winds and hard cold, too,
One winter frozen to the ground,
Springtime saw them sprout anew,
And again their scented blossoms
Opened in the morning dew.

"Cinco generaciones"
Have enjoyed their fine "sabor,"
And the little ones still come to lisp
"Naranja, por favor,"
As with longing eyes they gave upon
The ancients' golden store.

Now, if you think the citrus trees
To a ripe old age can grow,
Then, go, plant yourself an orchard
Of these fruit-trees, row on row;
Enjoy their springtime crown of white
And their harvest's golden glow.
—By S. M. B.

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I appreciate the opportunity of discussing the subject with any prospective buyer and wish to thank my customers for their patronage the past year. Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

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ITALIAN NAVY INTO ACTION WITH GREEKS

Rome Says Coast Is Bombarded Anew

By The Associated Press

ROME— (AP) —Italy's high command declared Saturday its fleet had gone into action against Greece.

"Our naval units bombarded enemy positions along the Ionian (southwest Greek) coast effectively, hitting pre-established targets," a communique stated.

(Presumably this action took place at about the same time that the British claim that their own fleet steamed up the Ionian Sea and penetrated the Adriatic, shelling the Albanian port of Valona. The Italian high command said nothing about this claim, however, and gave no details of the action. The British had broadcast that their naval units sighted no Italian ships).

On the Albanian front, the Italians reported winning an "important positon," not identified.

All Greek attacks were reported repulsed, and the newspaper Il Popolo Di Roma said Italian bombers hemmed in and hammered Greek units falling back along the coast north of Porta Edda.

The high command said of the Libyan fighting merely that there was "artillery action," and praised the work of Italian fliers attacking armored British units.

Station XEAN

Radio At Matamoros Boosts Power

MATAMOROS—Civil and military authorities here Sunday will inaugurate the new 250-watt power for Station XEAN, with special ceremonies. Frequency will remain at 750 kilocycles.

Mayor Francisco Zarate will make the first of a number of speeches to be heard from prominent business men, the commander of the garrison, and Carlos A. Calderon, Mexican consul in Brownsville. A supper will be given by Manuel Salinas, owner-manager of the station.

Prominent Brownsville business men and chamber of commerce officials are among guests invited.

Music Is Announced For Sunday Service At Baptist Church

HARLINGEN—Rev. E. Douglas Carver will speak on "Around The Cradle of Jesus" at the Sunday morning services at the First Baptist Church here, according to announcement Saturday.

Foster Tebbe, at the N. A. Davidson, Jr., Memorial console organ, will select as his prelude, "Gloria in Excelis Dio." Offertory will be "Daybreak," and the choir will sing the Maunder's anthem, "Bethlehem," with Miss Emogene Oler as soloist. Postlude will be "The Shepherd's Chorus," by Lemmens from the Christmas Offertorium.

At the evening service, Rev. Carver will preach on the subject, "The Prince of Peace." Tebbe's prelude will be "The Shepherd's Song," the offertory will be "Ave Maria," and the anthem, Brahms' "Holy Night." Mrs. T. D. King will be featured soloist.

Sunday at 9 a.m. the amplified chimes will be heard from the Baptist Church, and subsequently on Sundays at that hour.

Anyway, He Thought He Was Doing Right

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—The humanitarian project of printing backwards calendars for reading in barber shop mirrors has its drawbacks.

The airplane line that did it left some of the calendars around the office overnight and the janitor threw them out. He got a load of backwards figures and figured the calendars were "spoiled."

New Finn President Plans Co-Operation

HELSINKI—(AP)—Risto Ryti, newly-elected president of Finland, pledged himself to improvement of relations with Russia, Germany and Sweden as he took the oath of office before parliament.

Two Piano Prodigies

A child prodigy of 70 years ago, Moritz Rosenthal, looked on admiringly as a keyboard prodigy of today, eight-year-old Kenneth Amada, of South Orange, N. J., made his debut in New York. The concert marked Rosenthal's 78th birthday.

Makes No Difference What You Do, The Draft Board Has A Name For It

By WORTH GATEWOOD

BROWNSVILLE — It doesn't matter what sort of work you do—Mrs. Ethel Hetrick, chief clerk of the Brownsville draft board, has a name for it.

The names of America's various occupations, listed in a manual supplied Mrs. Hetrick for classification work, are singular to say the least.

And sometimes they are downright weird.

For example:

A bull-cook-flunkey has nothing whatever to do with bulls—it's simply a name for a guy who helps in a logging camp kitchen.

Then again, there's a cabbage coverer. That sounds simple, but it entails running a very complicated piece of machinery which takes the inside out of cabbage. We don't know why, either.

Other interesting jobs in the food line (probably not overcrowded either) are those of the cheese grinder, gherkin pickler, and a jawbone puller. The latter job has nothing whatever to do with dentistry—it's a branch of meat packing.

A cold-water-pool-soaker is not a winter swimming enthusiast, no matter what you think. It's the official name of the man who dips hides in a tanning plant.

Neither does a first or second faller have anything to do with the wrestling racket. The term applies to lumber jacks' ratings on cutting down trees.

Impersonator

Also listed as a legitimate profession is that of a female impersonator, although it is not explained how this fits in with the draft.

A knock-out-man isn't a Mickey Finn specialist in a third-rate emporium. According to the book, this belligerent title goes with a man who packs tobacco.

The job of nut-sorter might be applied by some people to the man who checks in patients at an asylum, but to the draft board he's the guy who separates filberts from pistachios.

Chiseling also is an honored profession in the book, which lists three types of chiselers—but they all use tools to gouge out their living.

Other seemingly criminal pursuits are recognized by the manual—rock splitter (in a quarry, not a prison), forger (the metal-working kind), and a dope mixer, which has to do with explosives—not narcotics.

Pocket Closer

Then also you can take the side-pocket closer, who ought to work in a pool-room, but in reality is a tailor's helper.

And here's another one which seems a little odd—especially in a draft book.

It's a shake-out-girl.

However, the book hastens to explain that she has nothing to do with the strip tease. It's only a gal who shakes out the clothes in a laundry. But what has that got to do with the draft?

But that's not the worst—the book even officially lists, of all things, a slacker!

But he can still be a patriot, because the title means he is a lime drawer. Whatever that means.

US ANNOUNCES 9 POSITIONS

Civil Service Will Conduct Exams

HARLINGEN—The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examination for the position of dumpman, $3.20 a day, to be employed on Rio Grand flood control work by the International Boundary Commission, according to announcement Saturday.

Applications are being distributed at the Harlingen postoffice. Applications must be on file with the IBC at El Paso not later than January 3, Frank Lee, board secretary here, said.

Eight other positions are also open, with deadline for applications ranging about January 1. They include associate and assistant aquatic biologist, $3,200 and $2,600 a year; Fish and Wildlife Service; assistant biological aid, fishers, $1,620 a year, Fish and Wildlife Service; laboratory assistant, bacteriological, $1,260 a year, Veterans Administration, Legion, Tex.; accounting and auditing assistant, $1,800 a year; junior warehouse examiner, $2,000 a year; junior airway traffic controller, $2,000 a year, CAA; junior controlling machine operator, $1,440 a year; metallurgical engineer and metalurgist, various grades with salary from $5,600 to $3,200 a year. Full information may be secured at any first-or second-class postoffice.

Divorce Is Sought By Inventor's Wife

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—(AP)—Mrs. Lester P. Barlow, wife of the bomb inventor, testified in a divorce action that she left her husband because of his "unwarranted" investments in scientific and political ventures.

Superior Court Judge John H. King reserved decision on her petition for a divorce charging non-support.

FRENCH RELAX NAZI TENSION

No Hitler Upset Is Seen By Vichy

VICHY, France—(AP)—Despite continued silence about what clearly were parleys with Germany over collaboration, the impression grew Saturday night that tension, evident since the Laval incident, has relaxed.

A communique after a cabinet meeting made no mention of French-German relations and no more meetings were scheduled until the end of next week.

Informed circles expressed belief the government had taken the stand it was ready to continue the policy of collaboration with Germany with no further changes in the cabinet beyond the replacement of Pierre Laval, ousted foreign minister and vice-premier.

No Upset?

Indications also were that no precipitous action to upset the status quo was expected from Germany, either through total occupation of France or a request for permission to send troops through the unoccupied area.

Fernand De Brinon, French ambassador in German-occupied Paris, was reported by informed sources to have told the Germans that France would not reinstate Laval.

Brinon Acted

These sources said Brinon acted on the orders of Chief of State Philippe Petain.

There was considerable telephone activity between Paris and Vichy this afternoon and informed persons expressed the opinion a meeting between Petain and German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop was under discussion.

Bans Increased

Export Forbidden Of More Items

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In the interest of national defense, President Roosevelt issued a proclamation placing 15 additional items under the expo licensing system.

The White House said the new items consisted of miscellaneous products omitted from former proclamations and were added "for the purpose o perfecting those lists."

Saturday's items included:

Cobalt, plastic moulding machines and presses, gauges, measuring machines, balancing machines, testing machines, hydraulic pumps, tools incorporating industrial diamonds, equipment and plans for production of aviation lubricating oil, bromine, ethylene, ethylene dibromide, methylamine, strontium metals and ores, abrasives and abrasive products containing emery corumdum or garnet, as well as abrasive paper and cloth.

Absent-Minded Girl Steps Out Into Air

PLAINVIEW—(AP)—Sitting in her automobile, Wanda Adams, Wayland college student, suddenly remembered a Christmas gift she had forgotten at a Plainview store.

She opened the car door, stepped out, and was taken to a hospital for treatment of severe bruises.

She also had forgotten her car was parked on a hydraulic hoist while it was being greased at a service station.

Roosevelt Prays For Hastening Of Peace

NEW YORK — (AP) — President Roosevelt, in a letter read Saturday at special services in the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, called for prayers "that the day be hastened when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of God, and the reign of moral force shall supplant brute strength in the government of men."

DEES LEAVES ON TRIP

McALLEN—W. W. Dees was called to Hughes Springs, Tex., Saturday morning by the serious illness of his mother.

British Navy Strikes

Risking a foray into the bottlenecked Adriatic, British warships hurled 100 tons of shells in the Fascist port of Valona (1) and kept up bombardment of Bardia (2) in the 12-day battle of North Africa.

Secretary Testifies Faith Healers Used Medicines For Themslves When They Became Ill; Trial Is Recessed

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Testimony that the late Guy W. Ballard, founder of the "I Am" movement, and his wife, used medical and non-medical treatments—not faith—to cure their ills formed the latetst chapter in the mail fraud of 10 of the organization's leaders.

"I couldn't see how they could heal other people when they couldn't heal themselves," commented P. B. Crouse, former secretary to Ballard after testifying as to the use by the Ballards of various medicines and treatments.

On cross examination, Crouse testified Ballard and his wife, Edna W. Ballard, received letters from persons, thanking them for help. Some of the letters were from persons he said claimed they had been healed of diseases through faith.

Mrs. Ballard is one of the defendants in the trial, which recessed until next Thursday.

Store Purchased

Kingsville Men Will Move To McAllen

McALLEN—Purchase of Western Auto Associate Store, 218 South Main, McAllen, from H. C. Quinn by Brooks Graul and Claud West of Kingsville, was announced Saturday by the new owners, who are moving to McAllen.

Graul was formerly district manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at Kingsville and West and his brother, Otis, ran the Rialto Confectionery there for several years. Graul will be joined shortly by his wife and two children, who will enter school here for the second semester.

Oil Found In Wilcox Sands Near Humbolt

FALLS CITY, Neb.—(AP)—Reports that oil was found in the Wilcox sand at the M. M. Travis well on the O. S. Stauffer farm southwest of Humboldt Saturday provided the biggest news in this southeast Nebraska oil territory since the Paunee Royalty Company brought in the R. H. Boice discovery well in November, 1939.

The Stauffer location lies along the eastern edge of the Humboldt ridge and many geologists maintain that any big production in the Forest City basin will be found along the eastern side of the Fault line, or ridge.

Y Man Leaves

Hearne To Corpus On Naval Base

E. W. Hearne, temporary manager of the Brownsville Y.M.C.A. for Fort Brown enlisted men will go to Corpus Christi Tuesday for a conference with Commander Mueller at the new Navy air base there.

Mr. Hearne was instructed by the national Y.M.C.A. council to go to Corpus Christi to confer with naval officials on enlargement of the Y.M.C.A. there to make room for several thousand navy men expected at the new base next March.

Former Hotel Owner Funeral Set Monday

McKINNEY, Tex.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held at Dallas Monday for J. L. Pfaff, 84, McKinney Hotel owner for 30 years and former state officer of the Knights of Pythias.

He died at a Dallas hospital Friday night.

JEWISH RITES TO BE STAGED

Chanukah Services Set For Valley

MERCEDES—Beginning the celebration of Chanukah, "The Feast of Lights or Rededication," a service will be conducted by the children of the Sunday school at Temple Beth Israel here Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p. m.

The Jewish festival commemorates the victory of the Jewish people over Antiochus, the king of Syria, in the second century B. C. Antiochus ascended the throne of Syria in 175 B. C., was a powerful and militant monarch, and extended his empire to the west as far as Egypt. Even as some are now, Antiochus then was afflicted with a totalitarian complex. An ardent follower of the Greek cultural and religious belief that he obtained in the Orient, he sought to impose it upon all his subject peoples. Among his conquests was the land of Palestine. When he took possession of Jerusalem, he drove the priests out of the temple, placed therein images and idols, sacrificed swine upon the sacred altars, and introduced the rites of pagan Hellenic mythology.

The Jewish people had accepted his political sovereignty but refused to permit the corruption of their religion. So they rallied around Judah, called the Maccabee, and gave battle. Though greatly inferior in numbers and equipment they finally after four years of warfare succeeded in driving out the Syrian invaders. Recovering possession of the Holy City, they removed the images and idols, purified the polluted altars of the sanctuary and rededicated the temple to the service of God.

The festival is a joyous one, celebrated in the homes and synagogues with prayer, plays or pageants.

Disney, Creator Of Mickey Mouse, Has Financial Trouble

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Walt Disney Productions, makers of the celebrated movie comics, entered the fiscal year September 30 with an operating loss of $259,798, a report mailed to stockholders shows. Curtailment of distributions, due largely to war conditions abroad, were listed as the principal reason.

Supplies Of Crude Oil Reported Lower

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Bureau of Mines reported stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum at the close of the week ended December 14 totaled 261,293,000 barrels, a net decrease of 359,000 barrels, compared with the previous week. Stocks of domestic oil decreased 360,000 barrels for the week and foreign crude increased 201,000 barrels.

Bus Strike Averted By Defense Groups

CLEVELAND—(AP)—Intervention by the National Defense Commission delayed threat of a strike by bus drivers for the Central, New York and Illinois Greyhound lines which originally was planned for Saturday.

Help Asked

Area Goodfellows To Give Toys

McALLEN — More than 800 Christmas packages will be distributed to needy McAllen children by the Goodfellows organization, Bill Becker said Saturday.

Becker asked that anyone who can spare the time join the Goodfellows and help distribute the packages, which will include toys, nuts and candy.

Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 75 will assist the Goodfellows. Those able and willing to help are asked to report Tuesday morning at the Goodfellows headquarters on Austin avenue.

"We need your assistance," Becker said. "Here's your chance to be a Goodfellow and help make a child happy Christmas."

Works Too Fast So Union After His Job

LONDON—(AP)—Workers in a factory turning out uniforms for the British Tommies struck because of continued employment of a cutter whom their union expelled on a charge of working too fast.

The National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers said the man violated union rules by cutting too many pairs of khaki pants per hour. The union said this endangered its standards of "output and craftsmanship."

Guests Of Bryants

HARLINGEN—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryant and family have as guests for the holidays Mrs. Bryant's sister, Mrs. Lura Brown and son, Leroy, who is a student at N.T.A. College, Arlington.

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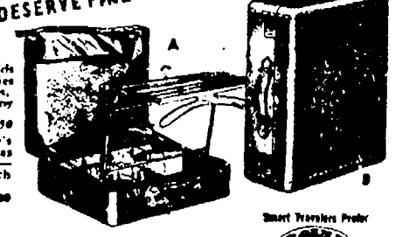

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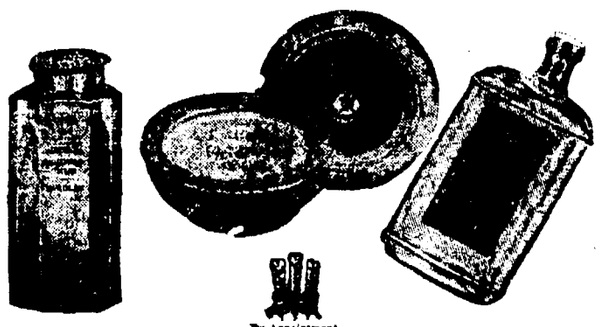

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Citrus Bowl Squads Open Practice Monday At Donna, Harlingen

Plays To Be Given During First Meets

Lions Clubs Handle Transportation

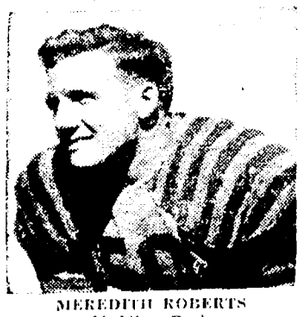
HARLINGEN—First practice for the Valley All-Star squads which will meet in the first Citrus Bowl game here next week, will be held Monday at 9 a. m., at Donna and Harlingen, coaches of the two teams, announced Saturday.

To Review Plays

Because of the weather, workouts on the practice fields likely cannot be held as soon as Monday. However, plays must be given the teams, so Monday's opening session likely will be taken up with plays and general skull drill.

It is expected that during the week, practice sessions will be held twice daily for the two all-senior squads, to keep them in shape, and to give them ample work on the plays to be used during the bowl contest.

C. J. ARNOLD
McAllen Guard



MEREDITH ROBERTS
McAllen Back

Despite the weather, ticket sales were reported good for the first four days of selling, the game tickets going on sale last Wednesday. Detailed reports were not available, however, from all of the 12 Lions clubs and other agencies selling the pasteboards.

Squads remained at 30 members for the Class A and B Saturday and 17 members for the Class AA, with others to be added soon to the AA group, possibly before Monday.

A-B Squad At Donna

The A and B squad, coached by Bob Martin of Mission and Ivo Schoppe of Donna, will practice at Donna, and includes the following representatives of Valley schools:

Donna: Peeples, Tomme, Richardso, Avila, Wills.

Mission: Guerra, Garza.

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo: Nusbaum, Johnson, Robie, Purdue, Villegas.

La Feria: Foust.

Weslaco: Hatchenberg, Kieddenger, Stevens.

Mercedes: Young, Seibert, Adame, Delaney, Dalton.

Raymondville: Buey, Kluckman, Calloway.

Edcouch-Elsa: Covington, Snyder.

Lyford: Lagerstam, Haning, Ross, Wilson.

AA Squad In Harlingen

The Class AA squad drawn from five schools, will practice at Harlingen. The team is coached by Dutch Flory of Harlingen and Brooks Conover of Brownsville. The team includes:

McAllen: Roberts, Snowden and Arnold.

Edinburg: Krohn, Nugent and Skinner.

San Benito: John, and Sosa.

Brownsville: MacManus, Reed, Reece, and Bennett.

Harlingen: Witherspoon, Livingstone, Queen, Jurosek, and McMahan.

14 Lettermen

McAllen Grid Awards Told By Stewart

McALLEN—Fourteen players on the 1940 McAllen High School football squad have been lettered, Coach Maco Stewart announced today. Seven reserve letters were given.

The lettermen follow:

Ends: George Strohmeyer and Ted McGuire.

Tackles: Frank Coleman, Maurice Hendricks and Jack Rochelle.

Guards: C. J. Arnold and Duane Jackson.

Center: Wilburn Smith.

Backs: Meredith Roberts, John Kelly, Walter Levermann, Ivan Snowden, Dick Wieschan, Woodie Pride.

Reserve letters went to Hal Ramsey, end; Dean Davis, end; Billy Mitchell, guard; Dale Wylie, back; Charles Knops, center; Eddie Hatfield, back; Red Edmundson, guard.

Button Swan also received a letter as manager of the club and Bill Rawls a reserve letter as assistant manager.

The lettermen received purple and gold jackets, while the reserve lettermen got sweaters.

Statistics indicate more than 1,000,000 persons are exposed in the United States to the inhalation of silica dust.

AGGIE SECONDS DEFEAT FIRSTS NORTON TICKLED

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)— The Texas A. & M. second team handed the first team a 9-6 lacing in a regulation length practice football game here Saturday — and Coach Homer Norton of the Aggies said he liked it.

"I've wanted two teams all my life, and now it looks like I'll be able to play a fresh team every quarter at Dallas New Year's Day against Fordham."

Plan Is Made To Form Star Softball Ten

Hidalgo Club Will Book Top Foes

McALLEN—Plans were completed Saturday for formation of a Hidalgo County All-Star football team for the coming season, the club to play only strong up-state teams with the usual practice tilts scheduled here in the Valley.

Directors said they hoped to schedule at least one game a week with an up-state ten and possibly two games.

Seek Upstate Teams

Clubs contacted so far are Corpus Christi, Houston, San Antonio, Victoria, Freer, Laredo, Robstown, Austin, Sugarland, Wharton, Alice and Dallas.

The games will be played on different Valley diamonds to give every Valley fan a chance to see softball as it should be played.

Special Uniforms

On trips, the Hidalgo county club will carry 16 players. They will have a special uniform consisting of white jockey satin shirts and pants studded with large red and blue stars with the name "Valley All Stars" on the back. The socks will be red, white and blue striped, as will be the caps.

The team probably will begin workouts the early part of February, but an organization meeting has been called for January 3. The time and place of this meeting will be announced later. Thirty-three star performers have been mailed cards announcing the plans.

To Enter State Meet

Purpose of the all-county club is to shape up a strong ten to enter the state softball tournament usually held the latter part of August in some up-state city. Last year's meet was at Abilene, with El Paso taking high honors. Edinburg won the state title in 1938 by beating Austin in the finals. In 1939, Edinburg again represented the Valley, going to the quarter-finals before losing to Borger. Last season, the Sharyland TCX club went to the semi-finals, losing to the American Liberty Pipeliners at Dallas.

Performers who have been invited to join the squad follow:

Players Invited

Catchers, Jack Rucker, McAllen; Gene Harding, Rio Grande City; Max Cavazos, Edinburg; pitchers, Mike McKinney, Bill Southwell, Edinburg; Ben Davis, Engelman Gardens; Collins Stovall, Engelman Gardens; Monte Hetrick, Sharyland; Ray Tomlin, McAllen; first base, Melvin Hearne, Edinburg; McGlothin, Engelman Gardens; second base, Mitchell Bloomfield, Edinburg; Elmo Watson, McAllen; Ed McClaurighty, Engelman Gardens.

Shortstop, Jerry Stephens, Edinburg; Lopey Brownfield, Engelman Gardens; third base, Charlie Flindt, Sharyland;, Roy Bass, Engelman Gardens; Shin Young, Edinburg; Ike Phillips, McAllen; Raymond Miller, San Juan; outfielders, Doug Presley, Edinburg; Bill Snider, Edinburg; John Brownfield, Engelman Gardens; McElihaney, Engelman Gardens; Art Bannworth, Sharyland; Ben Jackson, Jack Tomlin, Joe Gardiner, Ed Rucker, McAllen; George Strohmeyer, Sharyland; Alex Champion, Edinburg; Buck Hensen, Donna; managers, Abe Bloomfield, Edinburg; Gene Harding, Rio Grande City; Howard Aiken, Engelman Gardens; Clyde Salters, San Juan; Ray Tomlin, McAllen; Ed Hough, Mercedes; Art Bannworth, Sharyland.

Riggs, Aid Lose In Net Doubles

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— National Indoor Champion Bobby Riggs of Chicago and his teammate were eliminated in the doubles semi-finals of the Oklahoma Indoor Tennis Tournament Saturday night, in the meet's first major upset.

Ed Brown, Waco, Tex., and Gardner Larned, Chicago, toppled the favored Riggs and Wayne Sabin, Portland, Ore., 9-11, 6-4, 6-4. It was the first time Brown and Larned had teamed together.

Brown and Larned thus go into the doubles finals Sunday night against Frank Kovaks and Norman Brooks, both of Oakland, Calif. Kovaks and Brooks advanced to the finals by defeating Charles Hare, England, and Hal Surface, Kansas City, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Billy Conn Signs Up For Bout With Louis

NEW YORK — (AP) — Billy Conn, Pittsburgh's light-heavyweight champion, signed Saturday for a crack at the heavyweight crown of Joe Louis in a bout to be promoted by Mike Jacobs next June.

No site was designated for the bout, although it generally was expected to be staged in New York.

Tea stocks in Finland were confiscated as from November 1 as a preliminary to rationing.

Footwork Bad On Ice

Lew Jenkins looked better than this Friday night when he fought to a draw with Fritzie Zivic in a non-title bout. The lightweight champ from Sweetwater, Texas, discovered ice technique is quite different from boxing. Just the same, Lew (center) had a good time with his wife, and brother, Earnest, when they cut a few capers on the ice.

Thomason Wouldn't Trade His Blocking For Anything

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)—"Old Percheron," the warped-legged lad who operated the traffic lights on the Texas Aggies' crunching drive to football glory, wouldn't have it any other way.

No, sir, Jim Thomason wouldn't trade one ripping body block "that you can just feel," for a 50-yard touchdown canter. Unless, he grins, the Aggies needed the touchdown.

Retiring and genteel off the field, Jim Thomason is the impregnable shield for an offense that has carried the Aggies into the Cotton Bowl against Fordham on New Year's Day.

Finest combination line backer and blocking back in Southwest Conference history in the minds of Southwest coaches, the tireless blond boy has been blocking out front of *Jarrin' John Kimbrough and other* Aggie backs for three years.

Twice All-Conference back, Jim finally got his highest recognition the other day. He was placed on the third Associated Press All-America team—just about as high as blocking backs climb in a game too crowded with stunning ball carriers who hog headlines.

Jim is the "stop-and-go" boy of the Aggie offense. His blocking is the difference between gains and losses.

"I get a tremendous kick out of blocking—more than I would out of carrying the ball. I really enjoy hitting 'em.

"And say, did you ever stop to think they're not looking me up—that I'm out looking them up? Nothing feels better than contact, the *delivery of a good block.*

"Too much has been said about me 'making John Kimbrough. It isn't true. That boy can run, blocking or no blocking. If I've helped him along in spots—fine. But he is sort of a one-man gang himself, you know."

Slouched in a chair, stroking the battered nose that has been broken seven times in the pursuit of football happiness, was the other half of a strange Aggie combination — Center Tommie Vaughn.

Thirteen years ago, down in Brownwood, Texas, Jim Thomason and Tommie Vaughn started playing football together. They have gone through two years of war school footballing, three years of junior high, four years of high school and four years of college together. Never have they been separated.

Now they are roommates in college. Both are majors on the staff of the 6,500 student R.O.T.C. cadet corps. Both are students of the marketing and financing course. Both intend to seek admittance to the U. S. Army when they receive second lieutenant's commissions upon graduation in June.

"Tommie's just a shade bashful," confided Vaughn. "He's a great blocker. But say, so is this Kimbrough guy. He isn't just a crashing runner, he can block too. Hits 'em hard, bowls 'em over and falls under 'em.

"Tommie won't tell you, but you know what Kimbrough says about Thomason? That he's the greatest football player in the world today."

The great little center, who like Thomason, has been an Aggie regular for three years, continued:

"But there's something else that has made this present Aggie team successful. The defense of our line has done it. Our line has been very hard to handle. Of course, we have had confidence in our own running game. There isn't a boy on our club who doesn't honestly believe that we can take the ball and run over anybody."

Concluded Thomason:

"We all started together, and you won't find a better bunch of boys. All of us are young, and we've worked hard to get along."

Blood transfusions saved the lives of 1,500 wounded men during the Russo-Finnish war, statisticians in Finland report.

Officials In Bowl Listed

New Orleans To Have South, East Men

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)—A proposal that neutrals officiate in the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl football classic here between Tennessee and Boston College was converted Saturday into a South and East selection which won general approval.

The suggestion of neutrals was made by Head Coach Frank Leahy of Boston College who said he thought a post season game "might be handled better" by four officials who had worked together as a team in an outside conference.

Leahy made it clear his plan was *only a suggestion and said the* officials selected were "absolutely satisfactory" to him.

The officials announced by A. N. Goldberg, president of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association which sponsors the game, as follows:

Referee, James (Buck) Cheves (Georgia).

Umpire, Fred J. Murray (Georgetown).

Headlinesman, G. M. "Pup" Phillips (Ga. Tech).

Field Judge, Raymond J. Barbuti (Syracuse).

Meantime, Leahy gave his squad a morning and afternoon workout Saturday at Bay St. Louis, Miss., east of New Orleans, while Tennessee was preparing to jump into intensive practice next week.

Boudreau Is Voted Top Rookie Of 1939

CHICAGO —(AP)— Louis Boudreau, Cleveland's brilliant young shortstop, was voted as the outstanding rookie of the major leagues for the 1940 season Saturday by the Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

He will receive the J. Louis Comiskey memorial award at the chapter's annual dinner, January 7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Oklahoma City U. 57, Eastern New Mexico 24.
Oregon State 27, Denver 20.
St. Mary's 43, Texas A. & M. 42.
Marquette 40, Wisconsin 30.
Purdue 50, Loyola 35.
Mich. State 46, Ohio State 38.
Iowa 37, Detroit 35.
St. John's Univ. 45, Oklahoma Univ. 41.
Colorado College 56, New Mexico 39.
Iowa State 43, Grinnell 37.
Minnesota 43, Nebraska 36.
Northwestern 48, Pittsburgh 28.
Michigan 32, Butler 25.
Southern California 28, Oklahoma Aggies 25.
New York Univ. 49, Syracuse 42.
Oregon 57, Bradley 45.
Ill. State Normal 37, Univ. of California at Los Angeles 21.
North Dakota University 31; Aberdeen Northern Teachers 23
Milwaukee Teachers 58; Wayne (Neb) 38

Exhibition Basketball

Univ. of Arkansas 38, Phillip "66" Oilers 24.

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Southwest Grid Offensive Leaders Behind 1939 Highs

By GAIL FOWLER

SEATTLE —(AP)— Individual stars among a dozen "major" Southwest schools generally fell short of 1939 leadership figures in 1940 statistics being compiled by the American Football Statistical Bureau for its annual yearbook.

Owen Price of Texas Mines bettered last year's punting record and tied the 1939 high scoring mark, while Jack Crain of Texas tied last year's high number of interception returns.

Total offensive honors went to Pete Layden of Texas, a workhorse who figured in 232 plays, gaining 424 yards rushing and 581 in the air for 1,005 yards.

Jarrin' John Kimbrough, Texas A. and M.'s All-American fullback and the section's leading scorer in 1939, was the leading rusher in 1940 collecting 611 yards in 162 plays for an average of 3.7 per crack.

Perhaps the oddest total offense record was turned in by Harold Hamberg, smallest back among the Arkansas Razorbacks. He registered a minus 11 yards from rushing, but his 757 yards from forward passing netted him 746 yards and seventh place.

Individual statistical leaders, with 1939 leaders in parentheses:

Total offense—Pete Layden, Texas, 1,005 yards (Eakin, Arkansas, 1,344).

Rushing offense — John Kimbrough, Texas A. and M., 611 yards. (Black, Arizona, 630.)

Passing offense—Ray Mallouf, Southern Methodist, 54 completions. (Eakin, Arkansas, 78.)

Pass receiving—Phil Roach, Texas Christian, 29. (Looney, T.C.U., 29.)

Kickoff returns—Joe Price, Rice, 230 yards. (Bynum, Centenary, 287.)

Punt returns—Bill Conaster, Texas A. and M., 338 yards (Moser, Texas A. and M., 404.)

Interception returns—Jack Crain, Texas, 7. (Black, Arizona, 7.)

Punting—(15 or more)—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 48 per punt. (Eakin, Arkansas, 38.25.)

Scoring—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 60. (Kimbrough, Texas A. and M. 60.)

Okla. Aggies Meet Texans

Sooners Defending Tourney Title

OKLAHOMA CITY— (AP) —Headlining the first day's pairings of this year's Oklahoma City all-college basketball tournament which opens Thursday will be a contest between the defending champion Oklahoma Aggies and Texas A. and M.

Only twice in the five-year history of the meet has the Cowboy team tasted defeat. In 1938, the Warrensburg, Mo., Teachers beat them at their own slow, deliberate game, a blow so stunning that the Oklahomans promptly lost the next night too, to Baylor in a playoff for third and fourth places. The Teachers, meanwhile, had moved on to take the championship.

Warrensburg's team, which only got as far as fourth place last year, is bracketed against Texas Tech's Red Raiders in another opening day game this year.

Six other games drawn Saturday also were set for Thursday, giving all 16 entries action on the first day.

The pairings:

1 p. m.—West Texas, Canyon, vs. University of Tulsa.

2 p. m.—Southwestern (Okla.) State, Durant, vs. Baylor, Waco, Tex.

3:30 p. m.—East Central (Okla.) State, Ada, vs. New Mexico Mines, Socorro.

4:45 p. m.—Oklahoma City University vs. University of Wyoming, Laramie.

6:30 p. m.—Springfield (Mo.) Teachers vs. University of Texas, Austin.

7:45 p. m.—Warrensburg (Mo.) Teachers vs. Texas Tech, Lubbock.

9 p. m.—Oklahoma A. and M., Stillwater, vs. Texas A. and M., College Station.

10:15 p. m.—Texas Christian, Fort Worth, vs. Pittsburg (Kan.) Teachers.

Arkansas Five Tops Champions

LITTLE ROCK —(AP)— An "Iron Man" quintet from the University of Arkansas, playing without substitutions, smashed the powerful Phillips "66" Oilers from Bartlesville, Okla., National AAU Champions, 38 to 24 here Saturday night to keep its unbeaten record perfect.

The Arkansas lads held the Oklahomans on even terms to finish the first half 16-16 and then came from behind in the second period to win going away. No man on the floor measured less than six feet and Arkansas' perfect combination averaged *six feet, six inches.*

John Adams, Southwest Conference top scorer in 1939 scored 19 points to lead the Porkers.

16 Cagers Out For Edcouch-Elsa Quint

EDCOUCH—Training for basketball has started at the Edcouch-Elsa High School with 16 boys having reported for play. Those who have come out are J. C. Stewart, Elwin Snyder, Elma Crenshaw, Gene Vittetoe, Stanley Odom, Guy De Wald, Roland Coffman, Truitt Baucum, Clovis Shepherd, Glenn Farris, Glenn Baird, James Jarrett, Darrell Cummings, James Nolley, Roland Roser, and Johnny Williams.

The Yellow Jackets will build their team around one former letterman and two squad men.

McAllen Man Kills Big 8-Point Buck

McALLEN—J. E. Smith of McAllen killed an 8-point buck on the Earl Houts pasture north of Mission Friday morning. The animal weighed about 165 pounds and was one of the heaviest 8-pointers seen here.

Smith also bagged a deer last season.

Bullfight Postponed

REYNOSA—(AP)—The bullfight, to have been staged here Sunday, has been postponed because of rainy weather, it was announced Saturday night.

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St. Mary's Tops Aggies 43 To 42

SAN ANTONIO —(AP)— The St. Mary's University Rattlers, after losing by a two-point margin in the first game, turned the tables on the Texas A. & M. basketball team here Saturday night by taking a tight 43 to 42 victory that evened the two-night series, A. & M. won a thrilling opener Friday night 34 to 32.

Kenneth Croswell, tall St. Mary's center, sank the only free throw of the night for his team, and that one point, made three minutes before the end of the game, eventually turned out to be the slim margin of victory. He racked up seven field goals that gave him high point honors with 15.

St. Mary's jumped into the lead five minutes before the end of the game, after the score was tied 16-16 at the half, and led by no more than a three point margin after that.

With 40 seconds to go, Charlie Stevenson brought A. & M. up to 43-42 with a field goal, but St. Mary's froze the ball in the remaining seconds.

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Sooner Net Tourney To End Sunday

Riggs, Kovacs Are Meet Favorites

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— Eight seeded players took charge of singles and doubles events in the Oklahoma Indoor Tennis Tournament Saturday night, after eliminating all Sooner state contestants.

Hal Surface, Kansas City, defeated Gardner Larned, Chicago, in the singles quarterfinals, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Riggs Vs. Surface

Surface's opponent in the semi-finals Sunday afternoon will be Bobby Riggs, Chicago, national indoor champion.

Riggs eliminated Charles Hare, of England, 7-5, 6-3, in Saturday night's quarter finals.

Wayne Sabin, Portland, Ore., defeated Norman Brooks, Oakland, Calif., 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the semi-finals against Frank Kovacs, Oakland, Calif.

Kovacs disposed of Ed Brown, Waco, Tex., 7-5, 6-2, in the quarterfinals.

Riggs, Kovacs Favored

On the basis of their one-two ranking, Riggs and Kovacs are favored in some quarters as the singles finalists Sunday night. Sabin however, is seeded No. 3, and Surface is next.

The seeded players teamed to sweep through first and second round matches for Saturday night's semi-finals doubles matches, in which Hare and Surface met Kovacs and Brooks, while Riggs and Sabin met Larned and Brown. Doubles finals will be Sunday night.

Doubles results, quarterfinals:

Riggs and Sabin defeated Paul Bryant, Oklahoma City, and Joe Adams, Waco, Tex., 6-2, 6-4.

Larned and Brown defeated Bill McMurray and Carl Mitchell, both of Oklahoma City, 6-1, 6-2.

Kovacs and Brooks defeated Gus Craigo and John Patterson, both of Durant, Okla., 6-3, 6-3.

Hare and Surface defeated Ed Overholser, Oklahoma City, and Frank McElwee, Fort Smith, Ark., 6-2, 6-4.

First round:

Riggs and Sabin defeated Stanley Draper and Bill Dietrich, both of Oklahoma City, 6-1, 6-2.

Larned and Brown defeated Eddie Dowlen and Wallace Meador, both of Dallas, 6-0, 6-1.

Hare and Surface defeated Randal Clark, Tulsa, and Paul Darrough, Oklahoma City, 6-0, 6-4.

Kovacs and Brooks defeated George Ritchey and E. L. Douglas, both of Denton, Tex., 6-1, 6-2.

Eagles Honored

Mission Club Guests For Barbecue

MISSION—Prospects for the 1941 football season were reviewed Friday night when members of the 1940 Mission Eagles football team and their coaches were honor guests at a steak barbecue given by the Mission Lions Club and the Mission Fire Department. Ray Landry, fire chief, and member of the Lions Club, was official host for the party which was given at the fire station. Seventy-five honor guests and members of the two host units were in the party.

Coach Bob Martin introduced his assistants, C. D. Jarvis and Fritz Lehnhoff, terming the latter his "fifth columnist" who acted as chief scout at games of opposing teams. Five of the 1940 team will be graduated or ineligible next season, Martin said, but prospects for a good season are more than favorable, he said.

June Hedges, drum major of the high school band, was introduced as the team sweetheart. Talks were made by Landry and D. L. Rankin, Lions president, lauding the spirit of the team as shown in the past season when they won the district championship.

Minimum Age Set

Semi-Pros Cannot Be Under 17

ST. LOUIS —(AP)— An age minimum of 17 years for youths competing under the sanction of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress was announced Saturday by George Sisler, semi-pro commissioner.

Sisler, former star first baseman for the St. Louis Browns, said the age limit will be enforced to avoid conflict with the American Legion program.

"The American Legion sponsored game has a definite place in baseball. It gives the youth that competitive spirit and early training so necessary if he plans to continue in the game."

Sisler explained that in recent years many youngsters had been attracted to semi-pro ranks because of the chance to perform and learn from older players, many of them former major league players.

YANKS AND REBS TO FIGHT AGAIN IN GRID BATTLE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (AP) — Northern and Southern forces began priming Saturday for December 28, when they collide in the third annual Blue and Gray All-Star football game here.

The Grays of Dixie concentrated on aerial stabs, the Yankees on off-tackle smashes and end sweeps.

Coaches Carl Snavely of Cornell and Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern, co-handlers of the "Blues" for the third time, pronounced their charges "absolutely the finest and best balanced group we've had here." Jess Ingely of Rice and Ray Wolf of North Carolina were equally well pleased with their Southern club.

Owen Goodnight, of Hardin-Simmons, shot strikes to Paul Severin, North Carolina, Hal Newman, Alabama's captain, and other end receivers.

Scorps vs. Stars

Cage Game Set For Harlingen Gym

HARLINGEN — The Brownsville Junior College Scorpions will play the Port Isabel All-Stars at 8 p.m. Monday in the Harlingen high school gymnasium, it was announced Saturday.

The Port Isabel basketballers are said to be made up of former college and high school stars.

The Scorps have won four games out of six played, losing only to A. and I. College at Kingsville and to the Satex Feed Company independent team at San Antonio.

Four Harlingen boys are on the Scorpion team including Roy Bowen, Bud Breedlove, Harold Snell and Bill Nance. Other players include Tom Marchbanks, San Benito; Butch Barnard, Speed Stuart and Eddie Boye of Brownsville.

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Amarillo, Temple Win Right To Meet In Schoolboy Grid Final

Sandies Take 14 To 7 Win Over Masons

Little Rascals Give Amarillo Battle

AMARILLO—(AP)—Those amazing football boys of Masonic Home engaged the Golden Sandstorm of Amarillo here Saturday and fought the most stirring battle against odds ever seen on Butler Field before going down, 14 to 7.

A crowd of 10,000 was stunned by the Masons' ability to withstand the terrific pounding.

Foes Cheer Masons

While it was apparent from the start the Masons had little chance to overcome the Sandstorm, they made such a gallant stand that the partisan throng was happy when they finally scored in the last minute of play.

The Sandstorm, still the hard-punching crew it has been through its undefeated and untied season scored near the end of the first period, a pass interception setting up the touchdown. M. T. Johnson, 150-pound field general, ran back a Masonic Home pass 41 yards. Sealey, the Masons' safety, bringing him down on the four. On his second try, Johnson lunged over tackle and Boone Baker added the extra point.

Rascals Defend Goal

The second and third periods were a dog-fight with the Masons rising to heights each time their goal line was threatened.

In the fourth, the Sandstorm completed a 54-yard march begun in the third quarter and iced the contest when Otto Payne, fullback, plunged over from the four-yard line.

The Masons, who used only two substitutes, were expected to be worn out by this time. But they held off two Sandstorm threats and launched an aerial attack to score.

Passes Set Up Score

The ball on their 36 after a punt out and with C. D. Sealey pitching strikes, Teague Roberts, halfback, swirled to Amarillo's 40. There Sealey faded back and heaved a long pass which Roberts caught on the Sandies' 10-yard line and was tackled only two yards short of the goal. Gordy Brown, fullback, faked a smash at the middle and then aired out around Amarillo's left end for the score. Ray Coulter, end, place-kicked the extra point.

Starting lineups:

Amarillo	Pos.	Mas. Home
Redus	LE	Roach
Warner	LT	D. Coulter
Moss	LG	Cagle
Burden	C	Robbins
Tigart	RG	Moseley
Pace	RT	Lewis
Wooten	RE	R. Coulter
Greathouse	QB	Sealey
Johnson	LH	Roberts
Baker	RH	Smith
Payne	FB	Brown

Score by periods:

Amarillo	8	0	0	7	—14
Masonic Home	0	0	0	6	— 7

Amarillo scoring: Touchdowns, Johnson, Payne; points from try after touchdown, Baker (placement), Clark (placement).

Masonic Home scoring: Touchdown, Brown; point from try after touchdown, R. Coulter.

Highway Accidents In Texas Are Well Ahead Of Past Year

AUSTIN, Tex.—(AP)—With Texas' 11-month traffic fatalities 9 per cent ahead of the same period last year, safety department officials feared the 1940 toll would reach 1,733.

Deaths through November were 1,545, only 38 less than 1939's complete record.

Accidents normally increase in December and based on past experience approximately 150 road deaths might be charged up this month.

Stanford Is Ready For Rainy Contest

PALO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—Stanford's football players, who won the Rose Bowl nomination with victories on nine sunny Saturdays, practiced for two hours in the rain Saturday and came up with the declaration that "we're ready for any kind of weather."

LSU Cagers Defeat TAAF Title Quintet

PORT ARTHUR —(AP)— Sharpshooting Griff Vance, who caged 20 points, paced Louisiana State University basketeers to a 54-44 victory here Saturday night over Gulf Oilers of Port Arthur.

The local team was State T.A.A.F. Champion last year. Mike Seale, former Rice Institute star, made 21 points for the Oilers.

Site Of Final Tilt Will Be Set Sunday

FORT WORTH —(AP)— Amarillo and Temple school officials will meet here Sunday to decide the site of the state schoolboy football championship game.

The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. (Blackstone Hotel.)

While nothing official has been said, indications were that Fort Worth was the leading contender.

Cowboy Musicians To Attend Inaugural

ABILENE—(AP)—The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band will accompany the Texas delegation of postmasters and Democrats on a special train to the third term inaugural of President Roosevelt in Washington January 20, it was announced Saturday.

Promptness Won Shaughnessy First Big Job

Rockne, Morrison, Bible Too Late At Tulane

By MORTIMER KREEGER

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— Clark Shaughnessy, who led Stanford from football's scrap heap to the Rose Bowl this year, got his first major coaching position when a couple of other applicants—including Knute Rockne—couldn't make the train trip south for an interview at Tulane University.

Dana X. Bible and "Uncle Charlie" Moran wanted the job, too, and Dan McGugin tried his darndest to land it for Ray Morrison.

But Rockne and Morrison couldn't get to New Orleans, and the Tulane authorities wanted to see the man they hired. Bible applied too late. So Shaughnessy took a quick trip south and got the job.

No, this isn't any nightmare caused by reading too many stories about bowls and bowl teams. It's exactly what happened when Tulane needed a new head coach back in 1915.

At Tulane 11 Years

Shaughnessy remained at Tulane for 11 years, except for one season's absence. His stay was climaxed by an unbeaten team which declined a Rose Bowl invitation in 1925.

Correspondence relating to the filling of the position was made public by Sumter D. Marks, Jr., prominent New Orleans attorney and former Tulane quarterback, who as secretary of the Tulane Athletic Association handled the communications with prospects and their references.

Tulane had a maximum of $2,000 a year to spend for a head coach to handle football, basketball and track.

Shaughnessy and Rockne were recommended by the Specialists' Educational Bureau of St. Louis, a teachers' employment agency which Tulane asked for suggestions. Both held subordinate coaching positions at their respective alma maters after brilliant playing careers.

Gives Experience

Tulane invited them to apply. Shaughnessy, assistant to Doc Williams at Minnesota, wrote with his application:

"My experience as a football player and coach was acquired at the University of Minnesota where I was a member of the second team in 1910, and of the varsity in 1911, 1912 and 1913 and of the coaching staff in 1914. As a player I was an end in 1910 and 1911, tackle and guard in 1912 and fullback in 1913. . . ."

The specialists' bureau wrote also:

"Mr. Knute Rockne has been offered $1,500 to remain at Notre Dame but you can secure him, I believe, my prompt action at $1,600."

Norman Standlee (left), Shaughnessy's powerful fullback at Stanford, gets some pre-game instructions from the man who brought the Indians from the Coast Conference cellar to the Rose Bowl.

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Rockne's application form gave $1,500 to $1,800" as the lowest salary he would accept. It outlined his playing career, which included three years at varsity end, some service in the backfield, and the last year (1913) as captain. He played baseball and basketball also, and was on the track team. Both men listed their best track and field performances, and Shaughnessy's were consistently better.

Rockne Too Busy

Marks asked Rockne to come to New Orleans for an interview, but the applicant, preparing his track team for the Drake Relays and other important meets, wrote on April 3, 1915:

"I will be quite busy until after the Western Conference meeting in June, hence the authorities here are unwilling to allow me the time off which a trip to New Orleans would necessitate."

Marks answered on April 13: "As you cannot make the trip to New Orleans it will be impossible for us to consider your application."

Shaughnessy, asked to come for an interview, wired back that he was taking the first available train.

Bible was coaching at Mississippi College, and on April 1 wrote Marks asking him to mail the contract for the Tulane-Mississippi College game the following fall. After the signature comes this:

"P.S. Will Tulane University be in need of a coach and athletic director for next season? If not will they need an assistant?"

Waited Too Long

He was told that the board had proceeded so far with examination of applications on hand that it could not entertain new ones.

There was much correspondence with Dan McGugin, at Vanderbilt, who recommended Ray Morrison, then coaching at Branham and Hughes School in Spring Hill, Tenn.

He wrote that Morrison had "just about closed a contract" with "Southern Methodist University, which I believe is located at Dallas."

McGugin said Morrison was still available to Tulane, but he was rejected when he could not leave his teaching duties for a personal appearance.

McGugin later wrote that if Shaughnessy did not prove satisfactory, "I suggest that you keep your eye on Mr. Morrison, as in my opinion he is a very unusual man."

Moran, who was just leaving the job of coach at Texas A. and M., applied unsuccessfully. He then went to Centre College where he developed the great Bo McMillin.

A sequel to the story came only a few days ago when Marks' young daughter, hearing her father had a part in rejecting Rockne's services, declared:

"Daddy, I bet if you'd seen the movie you would have hired him."

Buc Cripples Lose 28 To 0 To Wildcats

Dusek Big Hero Of Temple's Win

CORPUS CHRISTI —(AP)— Temple's Wildcats crashed into the state schoolboy football finals by brushing aside the Corpus Christi Buccaneers 28-0 here Saturday before a crowd that threatening weather cut from an anticipated 12,000 to 7,000.

Next week the "comeback kids" of the 1940 race will meet Amarillo for the title, marking Temple's first appearance in the championship game.

Bucs Threaten Early

Held in their own territory during most of the first quarter in which Corpus Christi made its only excursion into Temple's part of the field, Temple roared into action with a crushing ground attack and timely passes that produced one touchdown in the second period, two in the third and one in the last minute of the game.

Spearhead of the ground offense was Ed Dusek, 185-pound halfback who scored two touchdowns and converted three points afterward.

Temple Aerial Scores

An 80-yard drive brought the first tally, with Dusek powering forward, the Wildcats moved from their own 20 to the Buc 44 as the first period closed. On the second play of the next quarter, Dotty McLerran faded and hurled a long pass that Thelbert Hardt, tall end, took on his finger tips on the Corpus Christi 30 and went on across. Dusek kicked the point.

Temple scored again on the second play after the kickoff that started the third quarter. With the ball on the Wildcat 30, a big hole was opened in the middle of the line for Dusek as he raced 70 yards for the tally, then added the extra point.

Dusek Scores Again

A Corpus Christi flat zone pass that boomeranged gave the visitors their third touchdown in the same period. With the ball on the Buc 84, Quarterback Joe Clark tossed this aerial intended for Halfback Trenton Fowler, but Dusek intercepted and ran it back 52 yards for the score. Again Dusek kicked the extra point.

Just before the game ended, Temple, in running plays, moved from the Buc 40 to the 29, and then Lefty Byers tossed to E. Morris, who in turn lateraled to H. E. Lagrone, who traveled 15 yards for the counter. A pass from Byers to E. Morris produced the extra point.

Starting lineups:

Temple	Pos.	Corpus Christi
Allen	LE	Bacak
Attaway	LT	Hamon
Heap	LG	Brown
Martin	C	Kavoras
Marinik	RG	Isenberger
G. Morris	RT	Mitchell
Hardt	RE	Sturdivant
Speer	QB	Clark
Hill	LH	White
Dusek	RH	Fowler
Mclerran	FB	Haynie

Score by periods:

Temple	7	0	14	7	—28
Corpus Christi	0	0	0	0	— 0

Temple scoring: touchdowns, Hardt, Dusek 2, Lagrone; points from try after touchdown, Dusek 3 (placement), E. Morris (pass).

Advertising Fills Kansas Guard With Too Many Recruits

COFFEYVILLE, Kan.—(AP)—Capt. Braum L. Bentley of Battery B, 127th Field Artillery has been added to the more enthusiastic endorsers of advertising for what one wants.

Worried because the Coffeyville National Guard unit lacked 58 men of a full complement, Captain Bentley two weeks ago inserted a series of small display advertisements in a Coffeyville newspaper suggesting that young men who likely would be called for military training anyway join Battery B.

Now the battery, soon to go to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., is full, and late comers are being turned away.

Last Cotton Bowl Tickets To Be Mailed Sunday Night

DALLAS—(AP)—The last of the Cotton Bowl tickets for the Fordham-Texas Aggie game here New Year's Day will be in the mails Sunday night, Dan D. Rogers, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, said Saturday.

Rogers, taking note of many complaints from people wanting $4.40 tickets after the supply of those top-priced seats had been exhausted, said:

"To put it mildly, there has been some very harsh criticism of Cotton Bowl officials from persons who sent in applications for $4.40 seats and whom we had to send $3.30 tickets instead.

"I should like to say that officials of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association have done their very best for the buying public.

Applications ran ten times as large as the supply.

"But we will be very happy to refund the money of any ticket purchaser who is not satisfied with the location of his seats. There are thousands of people begging for seats anywhere in the bowl."

WEATHER

(Official U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast)

The Valley: Cloudy, with occasional rains Sunday and Monday. Strong northwesterly winds, diminishing Sunday.

LOUISIANA: Partly cloudy to cloudy Sunday and Monday, occasional light rains in extreme south portion Sunday, and south and central portions Monday, not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh, occasionally strong, north and northeast winds on the coast.

ARKANSAS: Fair to partly cloudy Sunday and Monday, somewhat warmer Sunday.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy over north portion, cloudy over south portion, with occasional rains over southeast portion unday; Monday mostly cloudy, occasional rains over south and east portions, not much change in temperature. Strong northwesterly winds on lower coast, diminishing Sunday, and fresh to occasionally strong north and northeast winds on upper coast.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours preceding yesterday at 6:30 a. m.

STATION	Highest last 24 hours	Lowest last night	Precipitation (inches)
Abilene	58	32	.52
Albuquerque	43	20	.01
Amarillo	57	29	.01
Albany, N. Y.	41	28	.0
Atlanta	52	42	.0
Boston	46	39	.01
Chicago	38	31	.01
Cincinnati	55	39	.00
Cleveland	48	37	.00
Corpus Christi	61	53	.10
Del Rio	66	51	.00
Denver	45	26	.00
Detroit	43	34	.00
Dodge City	54	34	.00
El Paso	60	28	.00
Fort Smith	58	33	.00
Fort Worth	59	39	.90
Galveston	61	55	.28
Havre, Mont.	54	34	.90
Huron	42	23	.00
Kansas City	50	28	.00
Los Angeles	71	56	.00
Memphis	49	31	.00
Miami	79	65	.00
Mobile	62	50	.20
Mpls. St. P.	33	19	.03
New Orleans	60	55	.00
New York	47	38	.00
Norfolk	54	45	.03
North Platte	—	—	.00
Oklahoma City	54	32	.00
Palestine	63	46	.00
Phoenix	68	40	.00
Pittsburg	48	41	.00
St. Louis	55	29	.00
Salt Lake City	29	23	.00
San Antonio	61	56	.00
Shreveport	65	40	.00
Tampa	74	69	.11
Washington	39	33	.00
Williston	38	27	.00
Wilmington, N. C.	57	53	.53

FRUIT STATIONS	Highest	Lowest	Precipitation (inches)
—TEXAS—			
Brownsville (City)	63	57	1.42
Br'ville Airport	64	59	1.50
Harlingen	65	54	1.11
Raymondville	64	55	.86
Wesaco Exp. Sta.	64	56	.84
Mission	66	55	2.72
Falfurrias	61	56	.26
Laredo	61	55	.67
Carrizo Springs.	63	54	.04
—FLORIDA—			
Bartow	78	65	.16
Belle Glade	81	65	.00
Eustis	77	60	.33
Fort Myers	83	67	.00
Gainesville	73	54	.29
Hastings	77	56	.59
Orlando	79	58	.41
—CALIFORNIA—			
Oroville	59	30	.00
Salinas	missing		
Lindsay	66	36	.00
Santa Barbara	66	48	.00
Riverside	68	44	.00
Escondido	69	38	.00
Imperial	71	43	.00

Grid Stars Visit Kids

East-West Squads To Begin Practice

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — All-America Toom Harmon and 21 teammates who comprise the Eastern squad, arrived here Saturday to begin practice for the 16th annual East-West Shriners' charity football classic on New Year's Day.

The Easterners, headed by Co-Coaches Andy Kerr of Colgate and Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, detrained in a steady drizzle of rain.

Players of both the East and West squads joined for a visit to the crippled children's hospital. Harmon was the big attraction for the youngsters. The ace halfback was flanked by three other players of All-America status, Francis Reagan of the University of Pennsylvania, a backfield running mate of Harmon; and two Western luminaries, Paul Christman, University of Missouri pass thrower and Dudy Mucha, husky center from the University of Washington.

The Western team, coached by Matty Bell of Southern Methodist and Orin Hollingbery of Washington State, will move to practice headquarters at Stanford University Sunday. The Easterners will shift over to Berkeley and begin training on the University of California field Monday.

A pine branch with a rope attached at each end is considered one of the best chimney-cleaning tools.

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By BILL STREIT

Veteran Gridiron Official
AP Feature Service

I was field judge in the 1929 Rose Bowl game in which Roy Riegels, California center, made his now famous wrong-way run but topping Riegels' deed, I think, is a play that occurred while I was a player at Washington and Lee in 1907.

Playing Bucknell at Lynchburg, Va., we had the ball on our three-yard line. The ball was at one side of the field and almost touching our backs was a high barbed wire fence.

The fence was so close we couldn't kick so I asked the officials to move the ball to the other side of the field. When they refused I ordered our punter back of the wire fence. The center stood sideways and tossed the ball over the fence to the punter. The latter had locked the gate, as he went back, and when he received the ball he waited until our team was far down the field. Then he kicked while the Bucknell boys were trying to break down the fence and get back to him. Washington and Lee recovered the ball, making a handsome gain.

Bucknell complained that the rules did not at that time prevent such a procedure and the officials were compelled to allow the play to stand.

Coal Is Analyzed To Determine War Uses

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The defense commission announced it had approved the making of a detailed analysis of coal from the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma-Arkansas mine area to determine whether it is suitable for manufacture of ammonia and smokeless powder.

Officials said the analysis would begin as soon as possible, neither the time nor the mines where the tests will begin have been determined definitely.

Three Deaths Break Dallas' 1940 Record

DALLAS —(AP)— Three deaths in an automobile - interurban crash here probably shattered Dallas' chance at first place for cities of its class in the national safety race this year, Police Chief J. M. Welch said.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Elmo Cody, 27, and her two nephews, Donald and Lyman Cody, 3 and 5, victims of the wreck while on their way to visit a downtown Santa Claus.

The accident brought to 21 the Dallas 1940 traffic death toll.

New peaks of diabetic incidence are discernible in the United States, medical statistics indicate.

Unsung Mississippi State Gridders May Grab Glory

STATE COLLEGE, Miss.—(AP)—Both the Georgetown Hoyas and Mississippi State Maroons boast stars of national reputation but there's an even chance that one of the underrated boys will come through for State to grab the headlines in the Orange Bowl game at Miami, Fla., on January 1.

Senior Toxie Tullos, who teamed with Center Ben Griffin to give the Maroons one of the finest line backing combines in the South, will offer a strong scoring threat in the Miami classic.

Tullos scored four touchdowns during the 1940 campaign, ranging from a drive of five yards against Ole Miss to a 61-yard sprint in the Howard game. Charley Yancey, 18-year-old understudy to Toxie, flashed a warning of his offense might in the Alabama game when he plunged 22 yards through the big Tide team.

The wingbacks, Walter Craig and Johnny Black, can't be overlooked on the dope charts for this pair of fast stepping "reversers" each scored 30 points to top the famed tailbacks, Johnson and Jefferson, who amassed a total of 50 points.

The Maroons have buckled down to hard training here for the New Year's Day fray.

Farmers Are Asking More For Lands To Be Used For Camps

CATO, Ark.—(AP)—Approximately 100 farmers, whose lands will be converted into an artillery range when the 35th Division goes into training at Camp Robinson next month, voted at a mass meeting here to seek both legal and political aid in obtaining "just compensation" from the government before they would willingly vacate their property.

The government now is leasing the 39,500 acres in the camp area on a basis of seven per cent of its appraised valuation. The land owners are to receive one year leases with the government holding renewal options for the next four years. The land has been condemned by federal court order for military use.

226 Flying Cadets Graduate At Kelly

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The largest class ever to complete its training at Kelly Field, composed of 266 flying cadets and two regular army officers, were awarded the coveted wings in a brief graduation ceremony Friday.

All but 12 were automatically commissioned as second lieutenants in the air corps reserve. The 12 must wait until they reach their 21st birthday although they have completed the required training course.

39 Italian Aircraft Are Said Destroyed

ATHENS—(AP)—Air Vice Marshal John Henry D. Albiac, commander of the RAF in Greece, told correspondents the RAF had destroyed 39 Italian aircraft since the Italian-Greek hostilities began eight weeks ago, and had probably destroyed 12 others. One British fighter pilot was killed and one is missing.

Bombing planes in 70 raids had dropped 120 tons of bombs, he said. Nine of the planes were lost.

Nebraskans Practice For Picture Takers

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(AP)—Nebraska's Cornhuskers donned their new Rose Bowl uniforms and did some fancy punting and passing for the benefit of photographers Saturday, then changed to practice clothes and went through a stiff two-hour drill behind locked gates.

Yule Parties

Observances Are On Community Basis

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Christmas will be ushered in this year throughout Texas with a wider assortment of community observances than ever before, according to Houston Crump, director of the WPA state-wide recreation program.

Community Christmas trees, pageants, choral groups, tree lighting ceremonies in public parks and varied outdoor city-wide festivals are included on the holiday program.

Besides San Antonio, WPA community celebrations will be held in Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso, Amarillo, Dalhart, Pampa, Big Spring, Abilene, San Angelo, Coleman, Ballinger, Plainview, Snyder, Dallas, Paris, Denton, Sherman, Denison, Pleasant Grove, Grand Prairie and Austin, it was reported.

Negro Is Sentenced For Participating In Woman Attack

DALLAS—(AP)—Theodia Muldrow, 20-year-old Negro, was formally sentenced in district court to death in the electric chair Jan. 21 for his part in criminally assaulting a white woman at her farm home near here in April.

Two other Negroes participated in the attack. Albert Wesley, in jail here, also is under death penalty but the court of criminal appeals has not finally acted on his appeal. Ernest McDay died shortly after being taken to the boy's reformatory at Gatesville.

Teller Under Bond; Admits Embezzling

NORWALK, Conn.—(AP)—A 36-year-old bank teller pleaded guilty Friday a few hours after confessing embezzlement of $73,289 which he squandered on horse races and stocks.

Charles F. Wicke, $3,500-a-year employe of the South Norwalk Savings Bank, was bound over to the January term of superior court, after entering his plea in city court here, and later went to jail in lieu of $25,000 bonds.

Whirling Propeller Kills Plane Student

DALLAS —(AP)— Ralph T. Dixon, 27, Macon, Ga., student at a Dallas aviation school, sustained serious injuries when caught in a whirling airplane propeller only a few hours before he was to take an examination for a commercial pilot's license.

Physicians said both legs were broken just above the knees.

School authorities said Dixon was turning the propeller when the motor suddenly started.

Cyril Vorwald of Guttenberg, Ia., has a mule that opens the pasture gate and drives the cows into the barnyard every afternoon.

25 Baylors Get Letters

16 Will Return For Another Season

WACO—(AP)—The Baylor athletic council announced Saturday that 25 members of the 1940 football squad earned letters. Of them, 16 were expected to return for another season's play.

Robert Nelson, center, and Milton Merka and James Witt, backs, were awarded their third grid letters. Second-letter winners were Curtis Byrd, Don Halen, Jack Lummus, Pat Mickler, Wilson Lucas, Lewis Self, Jack Willis, Jack Wilson and Jaack Anderson.

Earning a letter for the first time were Bobo Barnett, Weldon Bigony, Bill Coleman, Cilton Crain, Buddy Gatewood, Odell Griffin, Rex Gandy, W. B. Godbold, Ed Hickman, George Koch, Travis Nelson, Dwight Parks and Jack Russell.

The athletic council gave David Beck and Ernest Marshall special honor letters for three years of hard work on the Bruin squad.

Italy Doesn't Think US To Donate Ships

ROME—(AP)—Political circles expressed confidence the United States would refrain from delivering German or Italian merchant ships to Great Britain, as suggested by British Minister of Shipping Ronald H. Cross, and said such action would be "unfriendly" toward the Axis powers and "un-neutral."

The Cross suggestion caused "no real surprise" in Italy, it was said, "because it is too well known that Great Britain is doing everything possible to involve the United States in the war."

Record Wheat Crop Indicated In U.S.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A 1941 winter wheat crop of 633,000,000 bushels—the largest since 1938—was indicated on the basis of December 1 condition of the crop, the agriculture department reported.

Such a crop, coupled with an average spring wheat crop and existing surpluses, would provide a supply of around 1,200,000,000 bushels for next season, one of the largest on record, officials said. Spring wheat production usually averages about 183,000,000 bushels. The present surplus has been estimated at about 390,000,000 bushels.

British Claim 5,000 Air Raids On Axis

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British have made nearly 5,000 air raids on Germany and Italy and Axis-occupied territory in the past eight months, the British radio said in a broadcast heard here by CBS.

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Interpreting The War News

Will Nazis Invade?

Triple-Fronted German Attempt Hinted But Churchill Confident Of Victory

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Winter has come astronomically for war-racked Europe and with it prophecies from London that a triple-fronted German attempt to finish off England will be announced—and defeated—before spring burgeons.

Prime Minister Churchill has supported that prediction. He told Parliament that to offset waning German-Italian Axis war fortunes, Hitler "must do something now, or at any rate within two months."

It seems utterly fantastic to assume that Hitler's high command, skilled and carefully daring soldiers, could assent to a winter invasion schedule except in desperation. The risks are great, the seasonal advantages few.

A winter sea invasion by the Germans, unless bombing had already smashed British morale, would hold less terror for England than did the invasion threats of last summer and fall. British channel scouting in three dimensions, air, surface and sub-surface, has been perfected to a fine art by six months of practice. That a barge-carried Nazi army could reach English soil in substantial force without detection by night or day seems wholly improbable.

Churchill warned that breathing spells for London or the rest of England from heavy Nazi night bombing raids might be merely in preparation for a greater air assault. That is possible.

It is also possible, however, that the breathing spells are due to present Nazi difficulties of supplying fuel oil and gasoline for U-boat and air fleets and at the same time storing reserves at French, Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian attack bases. Those difficulties will increase, not lessen, in the months just ahead.

The Danube's 1,750 mile waterway that threads east and west Europe together is Germany's main route for transportation of Rumanian oil. In winter, it is ice closed for many weeks—the same weeks when by British forecast it would be most vitally needed to sustain a Nazi all-out attack on England.

Channel Turbulent

In December, January, February and March, the North Sea and English Channel are normally turbulent. Crossing them to England with thousands of troops and heavy war gear jammed into low freeboard, open barges would be difficult even unopposed.

There is an odd, if not significant parallel between the forecasts of a Nazi winter-spring offensive now and the last World War winter. Then, in late 1917, the cables from Europe hummed for months with forecasts of a final German break-through attempt in France in spring.

It came on March 18, 1918, against the British fifth army, the hinge of the Franco-British battle line. It stabbed deeply, wringing a backs-to-the-wall order from the British commander, and bringing American troops into their first major action at Amiens before it was halted.

Eight months later, Germany surrendered. German morale at home if not at the front collapsed.

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point has had 38 superintendents.

OIL DUMPING CASE READIED

State Alleges Wells Pollute Rivers

DALLAS—(AP)—The state will be ready to go to trial about February 8 against 22 additional East Texas oil companies allegedly violating an agreement to refrain from pollution of the Neches-Angelina river system with salt water pumped from oil wells, Assistant Attorney General Hugh Q. Buck said Saturday.

Buck said he would seek a setting of the injunction suit against the 22 companies and individuals February 8, but did not name the defendants who will be prosecuted.

"We have evidence that the oil companies are directly violating an agreement to stop dumping and will ask that a motion for continuance against them be set aside and the case tried on its merits," Buck said.

Hearing on a motion for contempt against Alex McCutchin and John F. Merrick, oil operators alleged to have violated an injunction issued by Judge John A. Rawlins, was postponed indefinitely Saturday because neither of the defendants had been properly served in the case. Judge Rawlins signed an order authorizing Texas Rangers and state highway patrolmen to serve the defendants.

Late Shopper List To Remind You Who Forgot

AUSTIN—(AP)—For last-minute shoppers Miss L. Lucile Emerson of the University of Texas Nursery School recommends these childrens' gifts:

Infants—Unbreakable, washable dolls, fast color beads, stuffed animals, nested blocks.

Two to Three-Year-Olds—Simple doorway gym, rough surface ball, self propelling swing (for physical development); simply dressed doll, wooden train, tea set, sand bed (for dramatic development); clay, paint, rings, puzzles (for creative development).

Three and Four-Year-Olds—Five-foot wooden slide, hand swing, wheelbarrow, tricycle (physical), unbreakable dishes, doll, doll furniture proportioned for child's own use (dramatic), easle, peg boards, puzzles (creative).

Four to Six-Year-Olds—Skooter, wagon, garden tools, gym set (physical), farm yard, circus animals, store-keeping sets, toy chest (dramatic), weaving set, sewing material, carpentry set, bean bag (creative).

Halifax Said Sure Of Lothian's Post

LONDON—(AP)—Appointment of Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax as ambassador to the United States was regarded as certain by an influential section of the British press and the London Times said it could conceive of no one "better fitted for this important post."

The Daily Mail flatly declared the tall, scholarly foreign secretary would assume the post left vacant by the death of Lord Lothian, and asserted his name already had been submitted to President Roosevelt for approval.

Petroleum Company Files Its Statement

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Phillips Petroleum Company filed with the Securities Commission a registration statement covering $20,000,000 of 1 3-4 per cent convertible debentures, due January 1, 1951, and $15,000,000 of serial notes running through January 1, 1951.

The statement also covered an undetermined amount of common capital stock, no par value, including scrip certificates, to be reserved for conversion of the debentures.

Ft. Worth Attorney, Public Figure, Dies

FORT WORTH—(AP)—I. H. Burney, 81, attorney, business man, and public figure for more than half a century, died in a hospital here Saturday.

In ill health which caused him to undergo two operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the last few years, he entered the hospital here on December 12. When he retired from the presidency of the public library board here in June, 1939, he gave "age and waning strength" as one of the reasons."

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ALIEN SQUARE DEAL PLEDGED

US Illegal Entrants Asked To Confess

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Attorney General Jackson, urging registration by aliens who entered the United States illegally, pledged Saturday night a "square deal" for every alien "who confesses his fault."

He emphasized that he was "not making any promises" that penalties for illegal entry would be withheld.

But, he continued, "I say to loyal and deserving non-citizens who entered this country illegally that we have a genuine desire to avoid hardships and that there will be no negligent or ruthless treatment of appeals of leniency and no indiscriminate rejection of claims."

Former Mopac Chief Succumbs Saturday

NEW YORK—(AP)—Harry Bronner, 72, retired banker and former president and chairman of the board of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company, died Friday.

Christmas Tree Far Below Surface

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Now An Annual Affair In Coal Mine

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But It Started As Prank Of Miners

ISHPEMING, Mich. — (AP) — A Christmas tradition born seven years ago as the result of a prank was observed by miners far below the earth's surface.

A brightly lighted Christmas tree, 1,300 feet down a shaft of the Greenwood mine of the Inland Steel Company, beckoned to miners for their famous Yule party.

Miners and guests gathered around the tree at 6 a. m. for a half-hour program of gift exchanging and small talk before going to daily tasks in the remote spots of the pit.

Mostly, the gifts were of a humorous nature, but a few bore out Christmas' deepest sentiments.

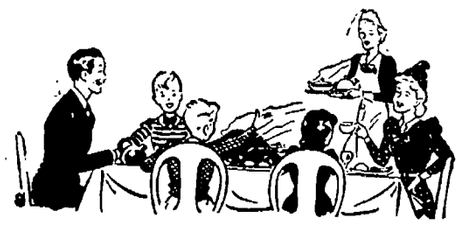
The tradition was born in 1933. Timber haulers on the way to the Negaunee mine of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company found a small Christmas tree which had fallen from a truckload.

Was An Accident

They tossed the tree onto the pile of timber and sent it down into the mine. A miner set it up in a corner. Other miners pitched paper scraps from their lunch kits onto the tree for ornaments.

"Let's do this every Christmas," suggested Charles Miron, captain of the Negaunee mine at the time.

The Best Food In Town



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JAPS PREVENT U. S. TRADING

Goods Under Guard In Indo-China

HANOI, French Indo-China —(AP)—United States Consul Charles Reed has spent the past 10 days in a vain effort to obtain release of some $10,000,000 in American merchandise held here and at Haiphong since Japan's entry into Indo-China, it was learend from authoritative sources.

Reed has urged French authorities to grant permission to re-export the cargoes, but these sources stated emphatically that the French refusal was due to pressure from Japanese military officials.

The cargo, the majority of which was assigned to Chinese purchasers in West China, now is piled in warehouses here and at Haiphong and guarded by Japanese soldiers although American flags are flown from the buildings. Shipment to West China became impossible when Japanese entry into Indo-China disrupted service on the Haiphong-Kunming railway.

It also was learned that U. S. Ambassador Joseph C. Crew at Tokyo also has been attempting to obtain release of this American property, apparently without success.

Some French Favor Opposing Nazis By Moving To Africa

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation attributed to General Charles De Gaulle, leader of the French forces still resisting Germany, a statement that several members of the French cabinet prefer transferring the government to Africa rather than submitting France to a final "subjugation" by Germany.

The BBC's broadcast, picked up here by NBC, said "the determination of the French leaders in Africa to defend their empire is hardy."

Ground Forces For Aviation Expanded

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army Air Corps announced that it would train hundreds of former fliers, engineers and other qualified civilians to serve the expanding air forces on the ground as squadron engineering officers.

First classes of 50 students each will enter New York and Purdue universities next month, and others will follow at three-month intervals. After 12 weeks of study, six months additional training will be given at Chanute Field, Ill.

Both Parties Work For Next Election

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Although it is nearly two years until the next congressional election, neither major party is letting any grass grow under its feet.

With Republicans talking of a full-time permanent staff here, it was announced that the Democratic national headquarters would move the first of the year into a luxurious 25-room suite in the Mayflower Hotel.

Geologists To See South Texas Oilers

AUSTIN, Tex. — (AP) — Scientists attending the Geological Society of America meeting at the University of Texas Dec. 26 to 28 will be taken on a post-convention tour of South Texas oil fields.

Dr. Hal P. Bybee who is arranging the tour said the guests would inspect wells and recycling plants in the Corpus Christi area. An optional excursion will take other visitors through the Luling-San Antonio area and West Texas fields.

Pilot Blackout Is Blamed For Crash

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Civil Aeronautics Board said the loss of consciousness while piloting his plane was blamed for the crash at Port Neches, Texas, Jan. 16 in which pilot Robert F. Neel was injured seriously.

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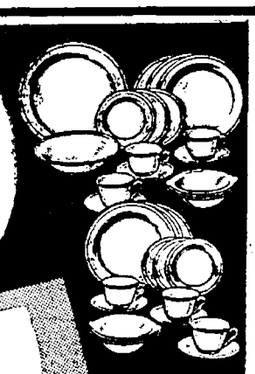

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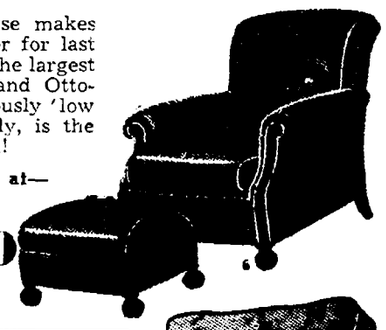

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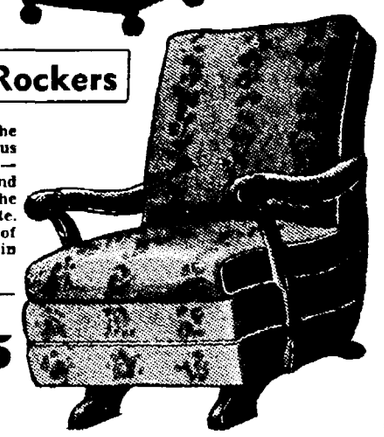

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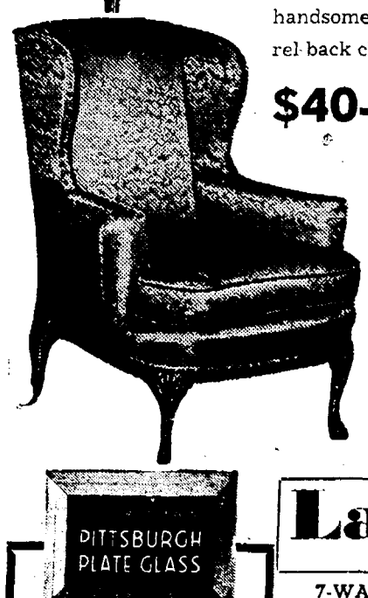

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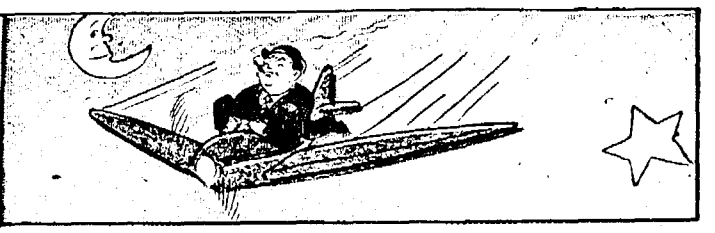

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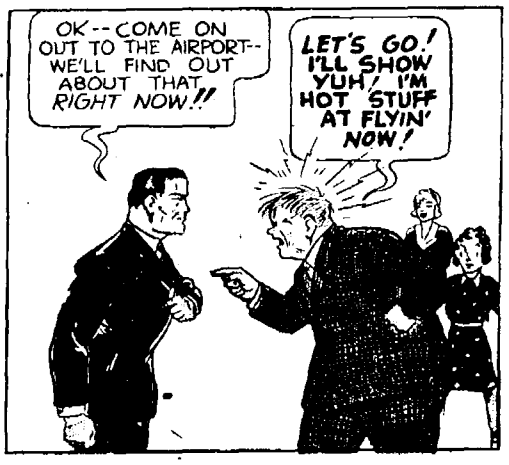

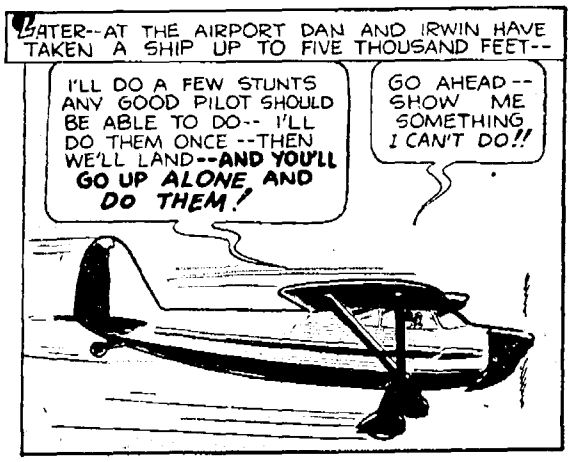

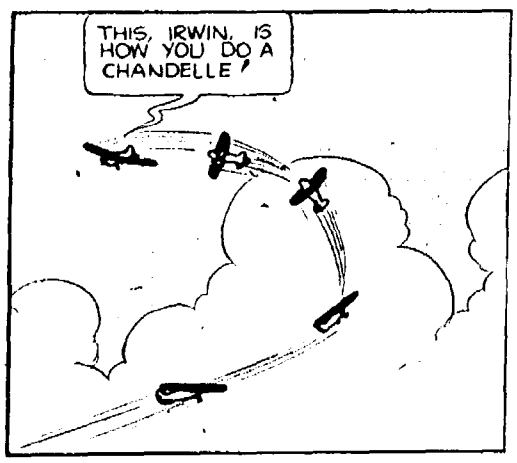

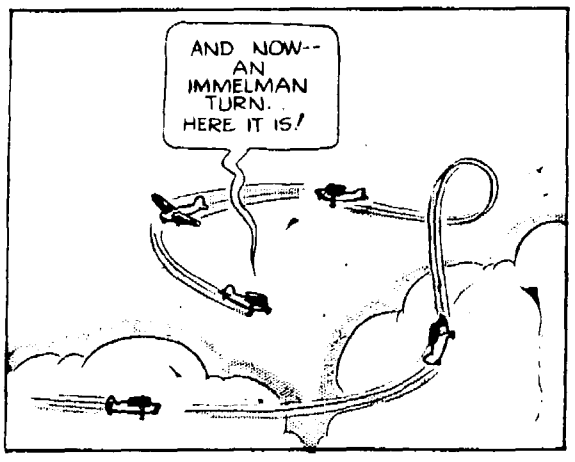

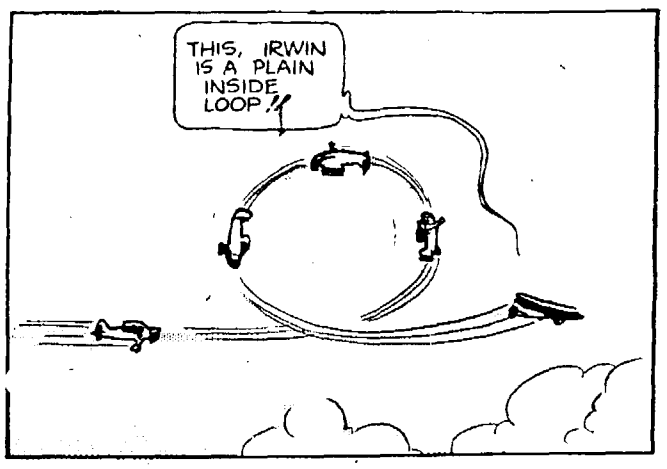

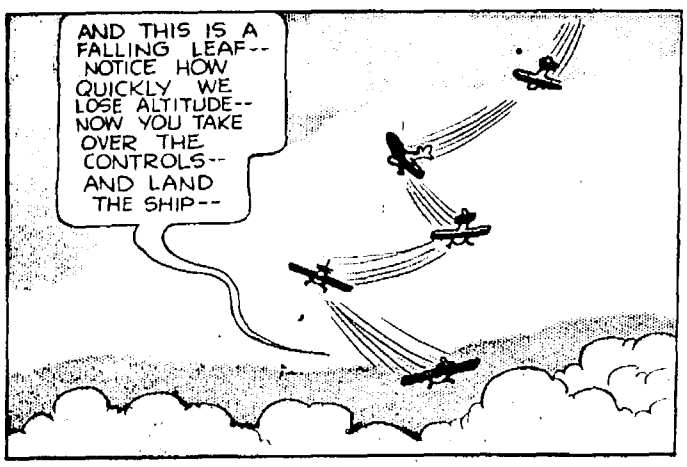

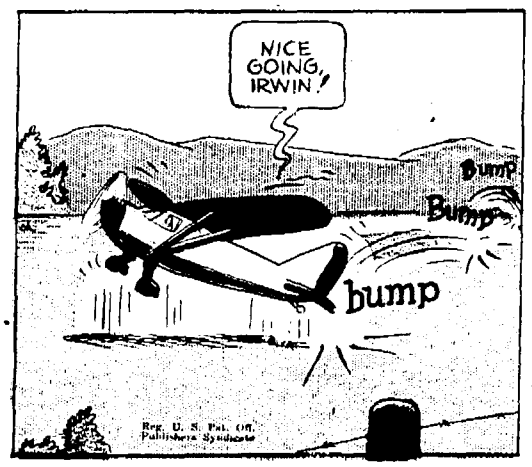

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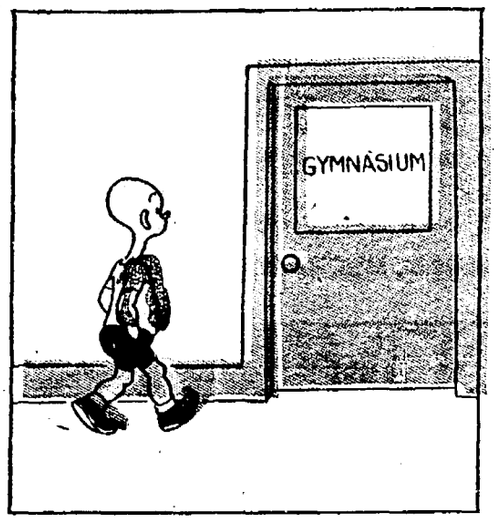

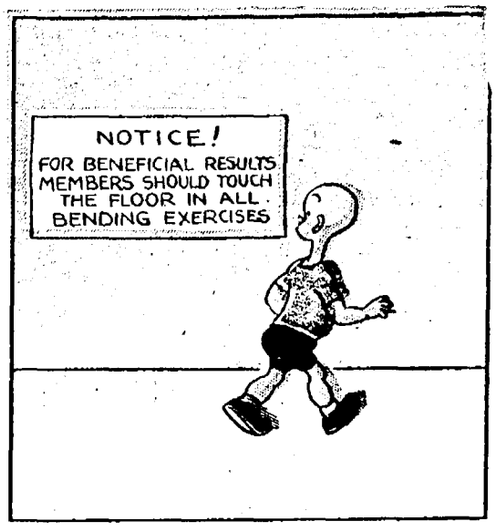

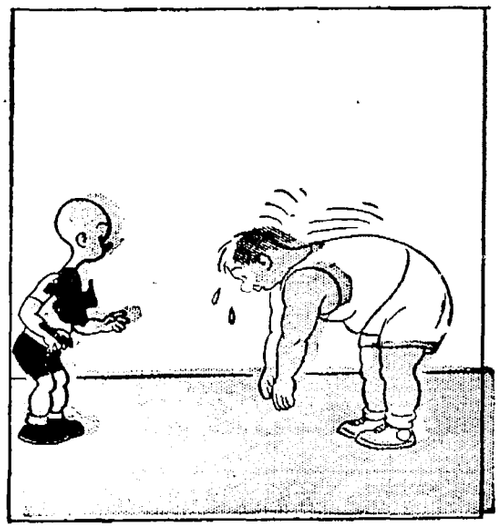

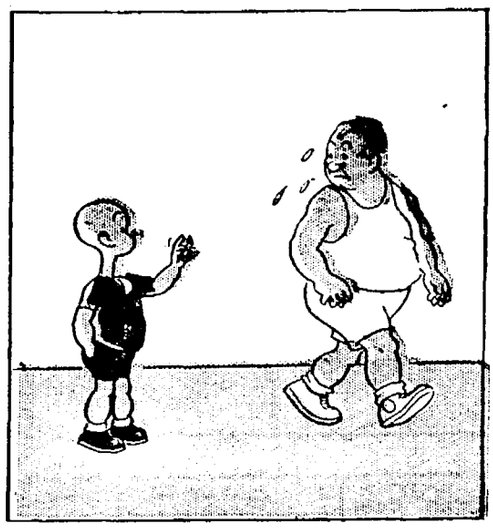

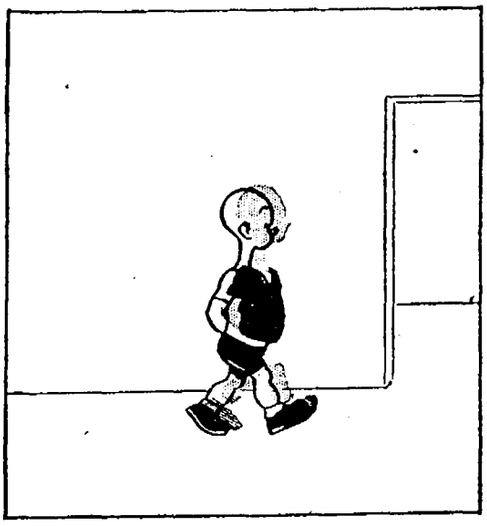

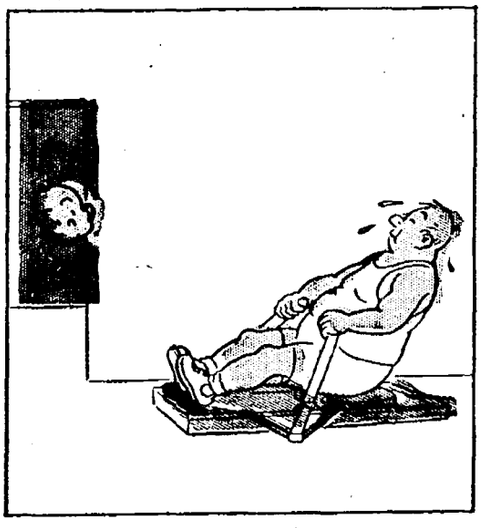

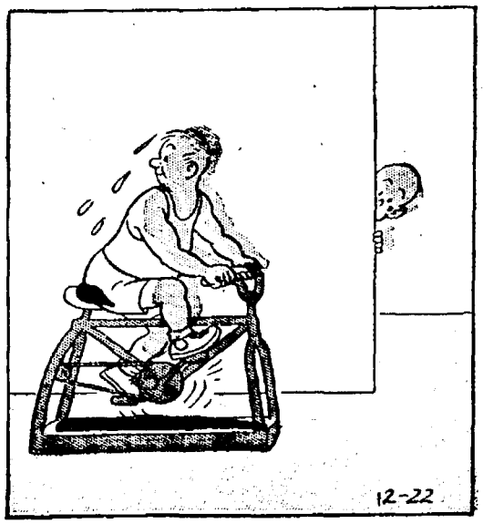

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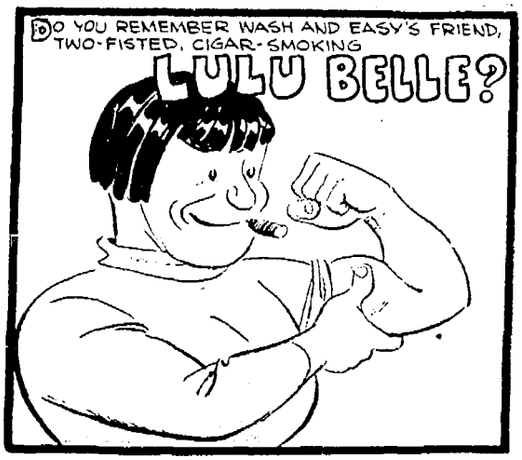
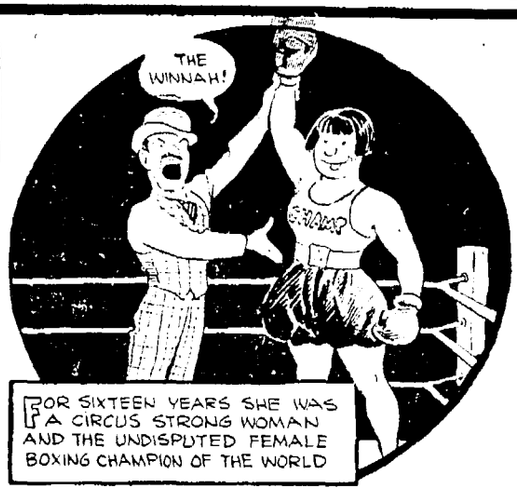
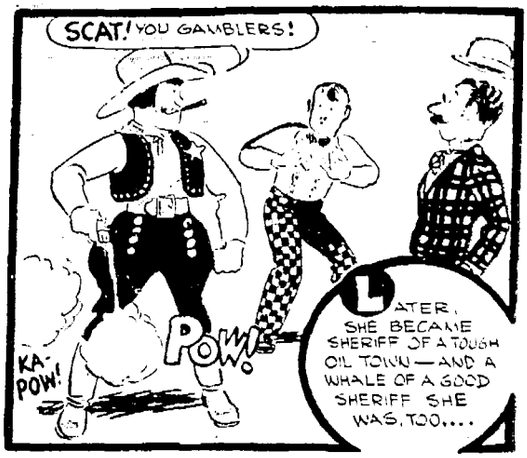
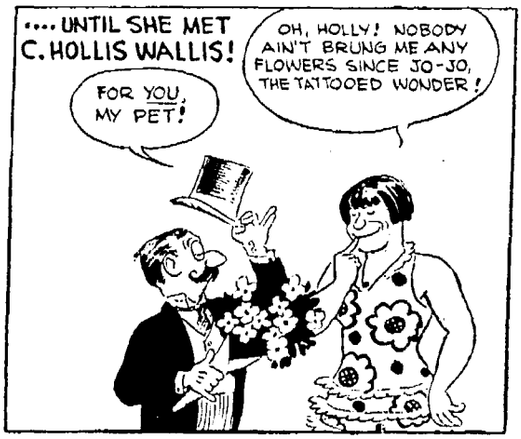
CAPTAIN EASY BY ROY CRANE

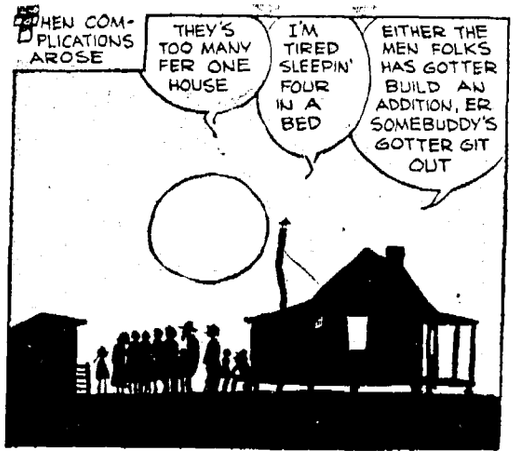






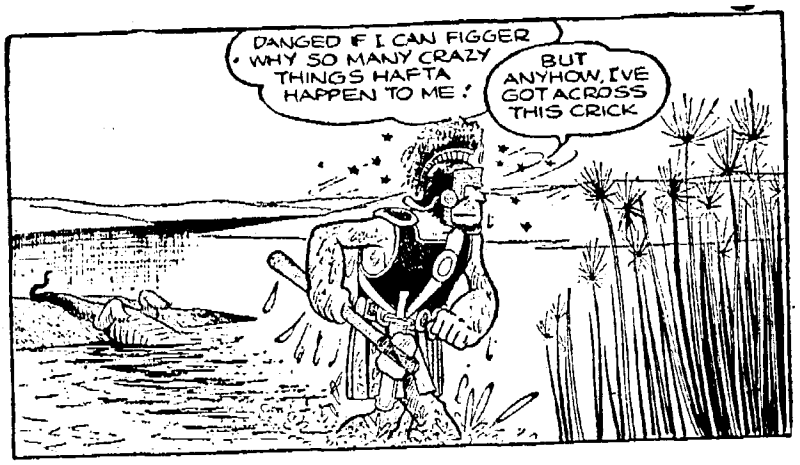


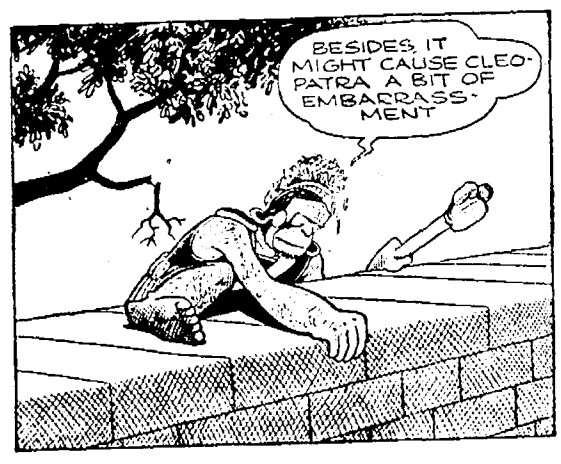
BUT C. HOLLIS WALLIS BROKE HER HEART WHEN HE RAN OFF WITH A WIDOW-WOMAN, AND LULU BELLE LIMPED HOME TO MAMA

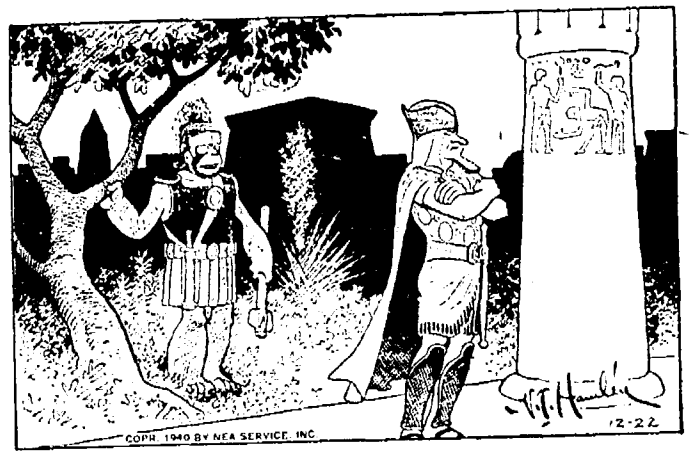


BUT ALL HAS NOT BEEN A BED OF ROSES WITH LULU BELLE. MONTHS HAVE PASSED. UNKNOWN TO WASH AND EASY, SHE'S BROKE AND HUNGRY IN THE VERY TOWN THEY ARE IN

ALLEY OOP







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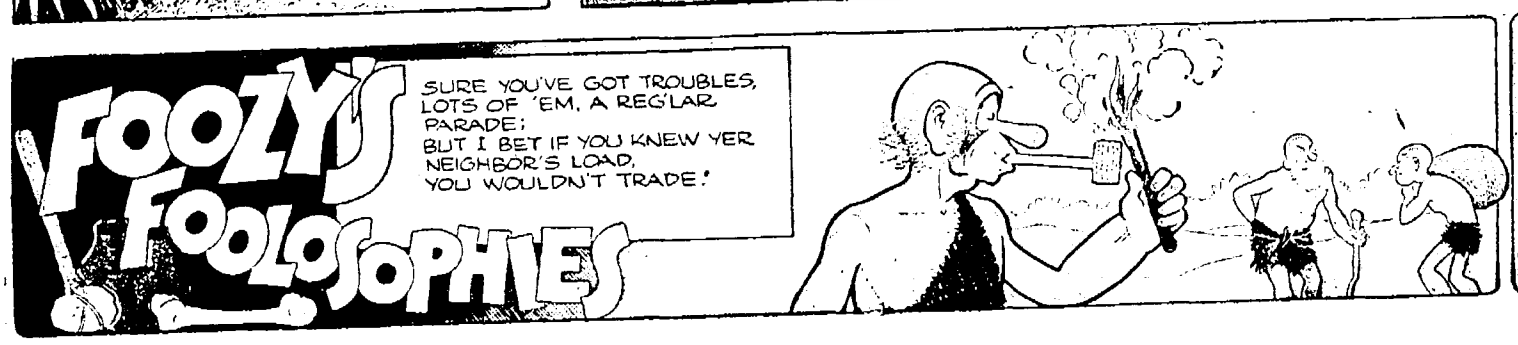

Give the Family a Treat. Take a Quart Home

KREE MEE ICE CREAM

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Make Your Party a Success. Serve temptingly flavored Kree Mee

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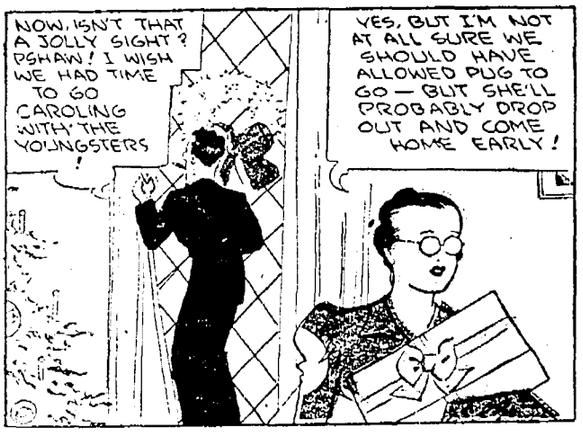

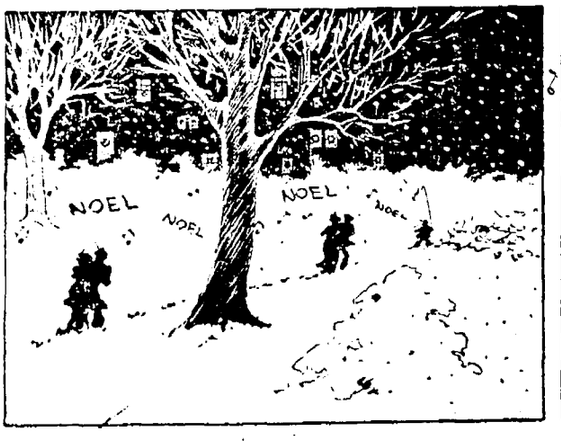

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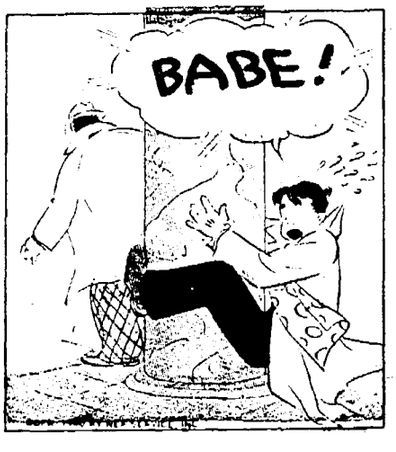

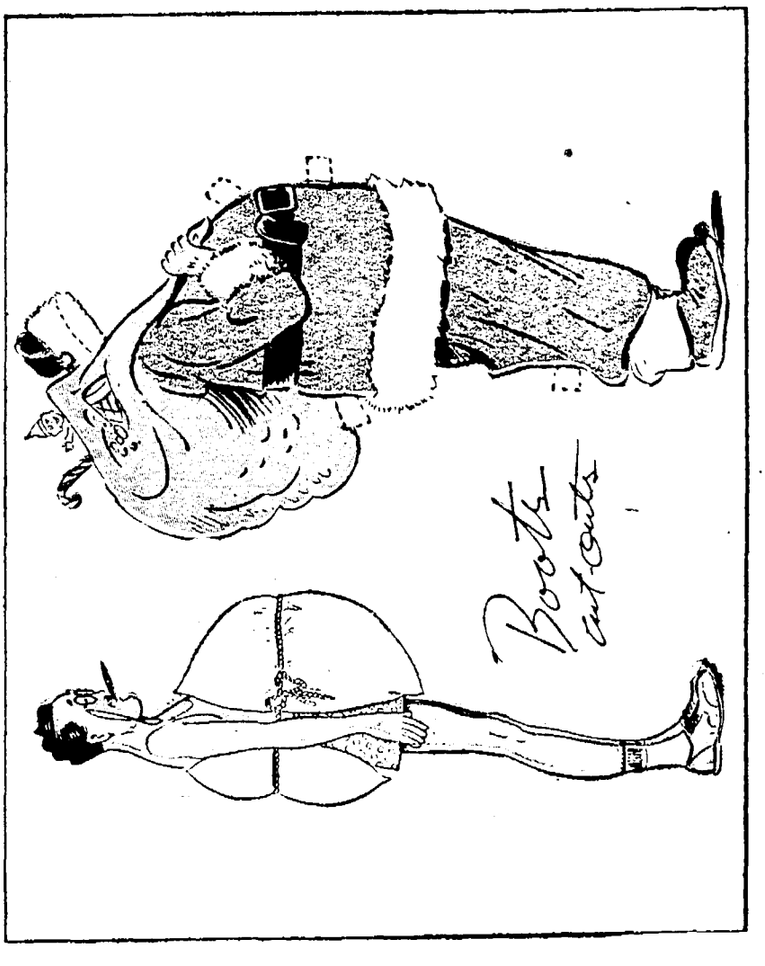

KREE MEE Your children will always ask for KREE Mee ICE CREAM and they can't get too much for their active, healthful young bodies. KREE MEE DOUBLE DIP CONES or Ice BUCKETS will please them. **Double Dip Cones**

Don Winslow of the NAVY

by FRANK V. MARTINEK

U.S.S. WINSLOW

EVEN IF ONE OF OUR AIRMEN SHOULD NOW BE A PRISONER OF THE AMERICAN FLYERS HE CANNOT HEAD THEM BACK TO BOMB THIS AIRDROME!

WHY NOT?

BECAUSE IN ONE HOUR'S TIME IT WILL BE COMPLETELY CAMOUFLAGED! THIS MACHINERY DOES THE TRICK!

NOW! LOOK OUT THROUGH THAT PORT AT OUR LANDING FIELD!

WHAT IN THE-!!?

BEFORE THE ASTONISHED GAZE OF CAPT. X, EACH SECTION OF THE FLAT FIELD BEGINS SLOWLY TURNING OVER ON A CENTRAL AXIS!

YOU SEE? THAT FLAT SECTION IS NOW BEING MAGICALLY REPLACED BY A PATCH OF ARTIFICIAL TREES AND SHRUBS!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN PANAMA-

IT'S LIGHT ENOUGH NOW TO COUNTER-ATTACK THE ENEMY'S AIR BASE, RED!

TO WIN HIS FREEDOM OUR PRISONER IS EAGER TO BETRAY HIS COMRADES! IN YOU GO-WE'RE UNDER WAY!

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OUR NAVY'S CHRISTMAS TRADITION!

ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHEN ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S BIG WARSHIPS IS IN PORT ON CHRISTMAS DAY, THE SHIP'S COMPANY GIVES A PARTY, COMPLETE WITH SANTA CLAUS, TO ABOUT A HUNDRED UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF THE CITY

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BILLY the BOY ARTIST has another DREAM

By Ed Payne

YOU KEEP ON MAKING PICTURES OF ME UNTIL YOU GET A GOOD ONE! AND BE SURE AND MAKE ME HANDSOME!

BILLY DREAMED THAT HE WAS A PRISONER IN THE GIANTS CASTLE, FORCED TO PAINT PICTURES OF HIM ALL DAY.

I CAN'T DO IT! I'VE MADE A HUNDRED SKETCHES AND YOU'VE TORN THEM ALL UP! TAKE THAT!

BLUB!

I SAVED A LITTLE PAINT ANYWAY!

HURRY!

HURRY

HURRY, BILLY!

HURRY! HE'S COMING!

HURRY! HURRY! BILLY! HERE HE COMES!

THIS PICTURE ON THIS ROCK MAY FOOL HIM!

I'VE GOT YOU NOW!

THERE HE GOES, BILLY!

WOW!

HURRAY! THERE HE GOES DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!

BONEHEAD HOGS

MR. GEORGE (YOU, JAW-URGE!) WORTLE

BY FONTAINE FOX

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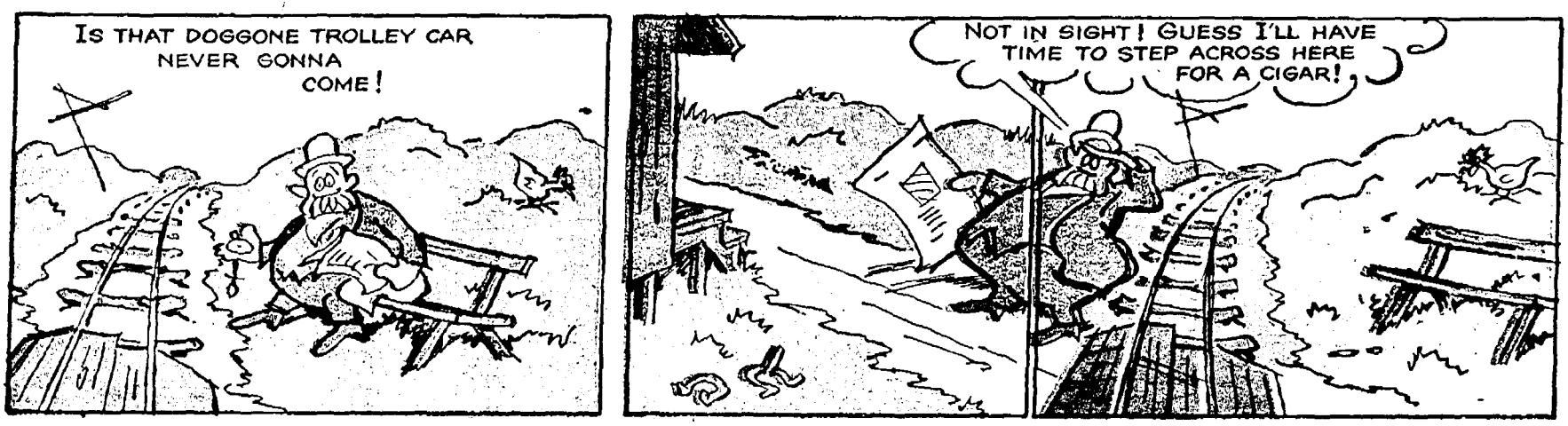
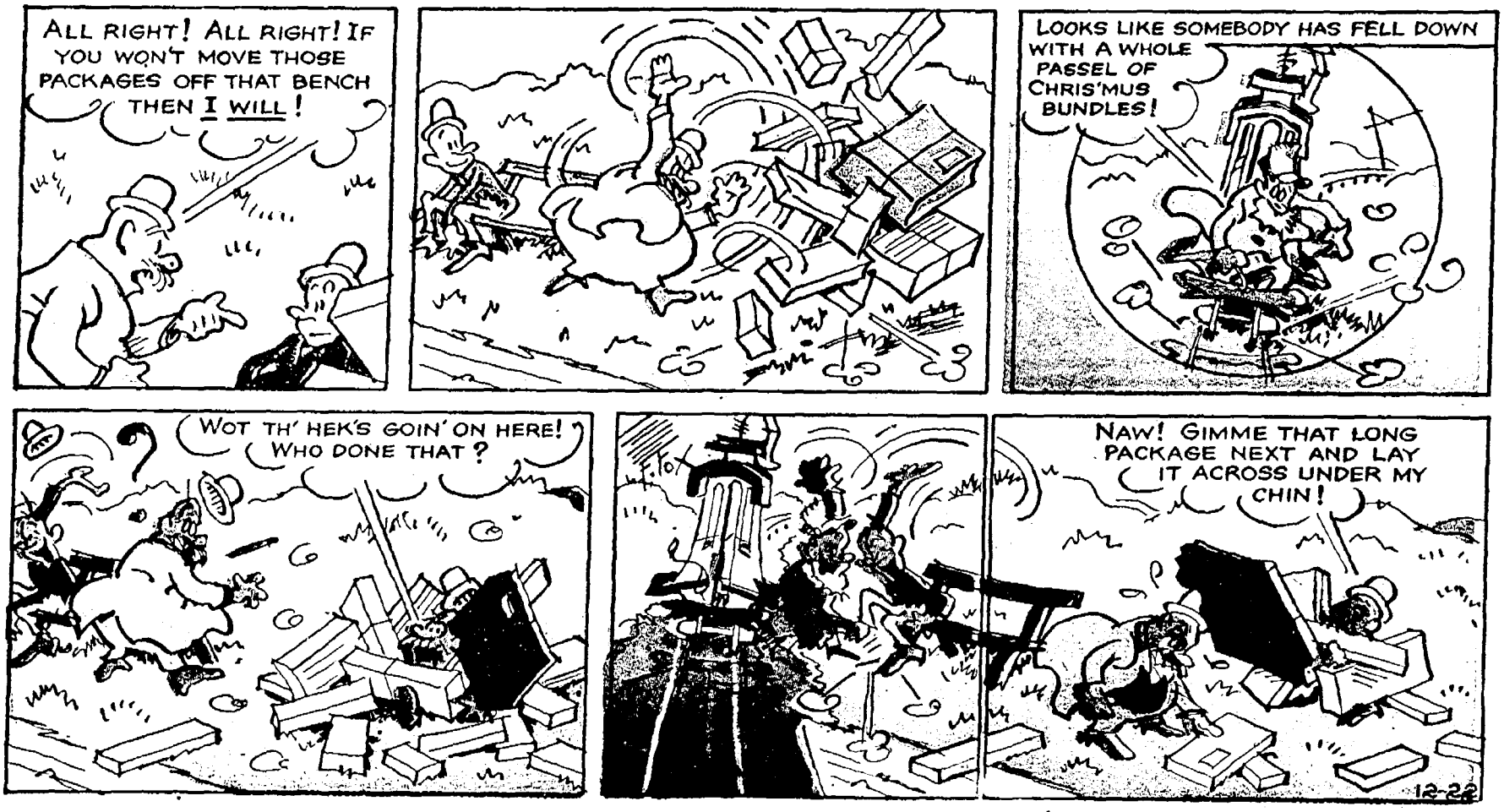
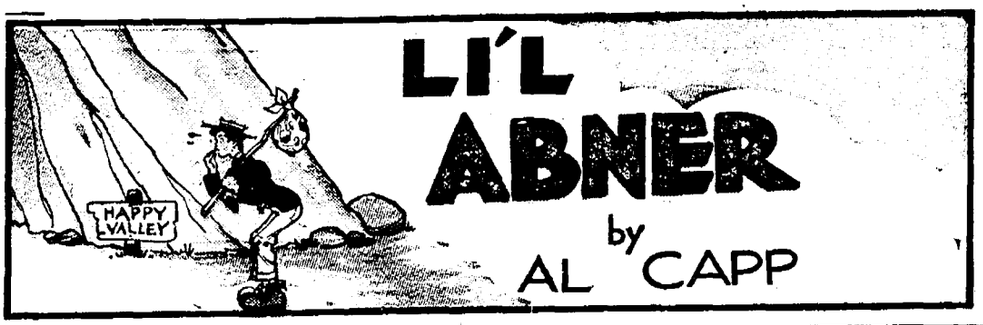




You "Aint" Tasted Nothing Till You've Enjoyed a **KREE MEE** THICK MALTED **MILK**

LI'L ABNER

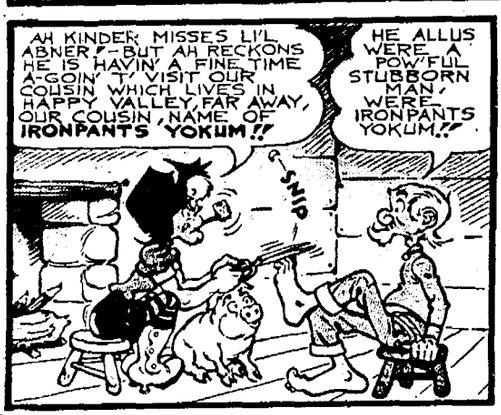
by AL CAPP

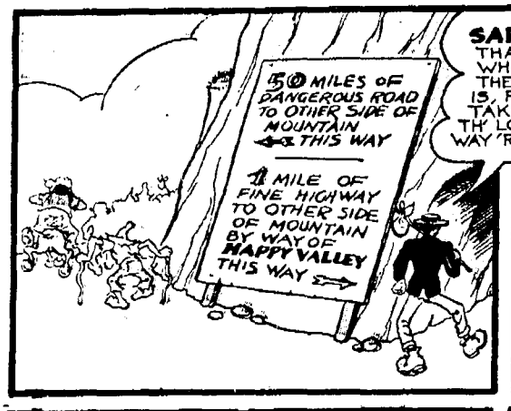


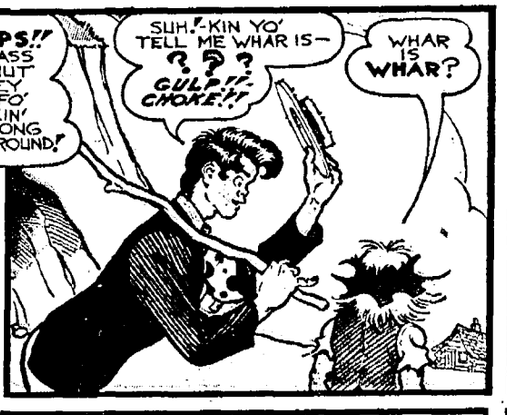
Advice fo' Chillun

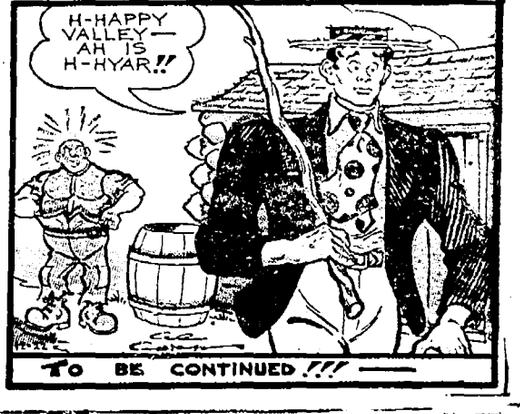
DON'T TELL LIES TO YO' MAMMY AN' PAPPY, 'CAUSE THAT MIGHT MAKE THEM UNHAPPY..

SENT IN BY NELL McNIEL, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



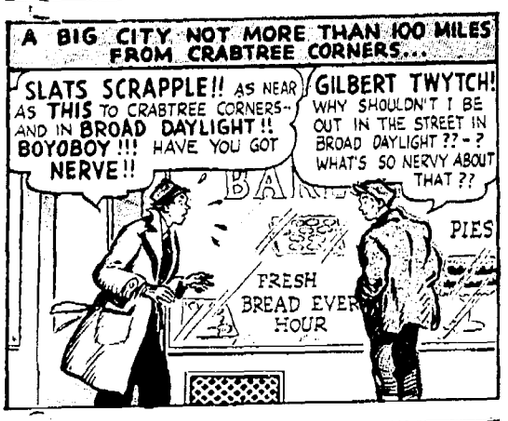






ABBIE an' SLATS

by RAEBURN VAN BUREN —



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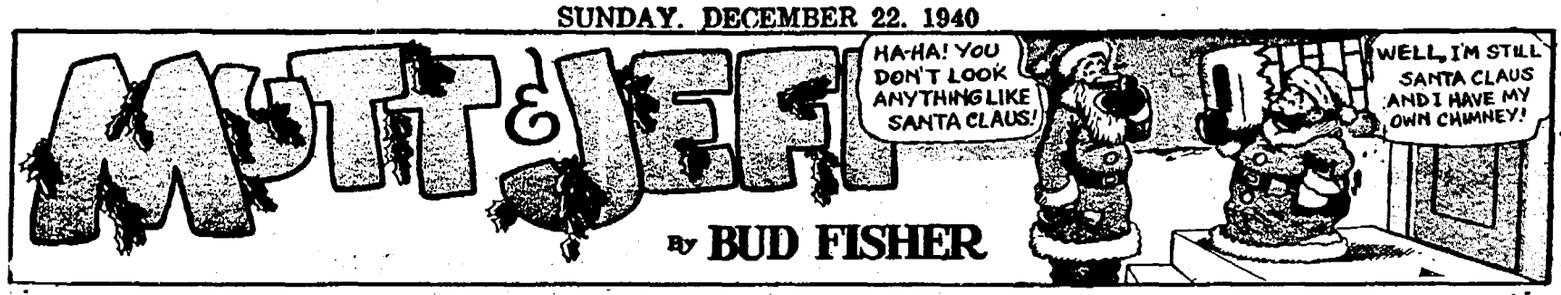

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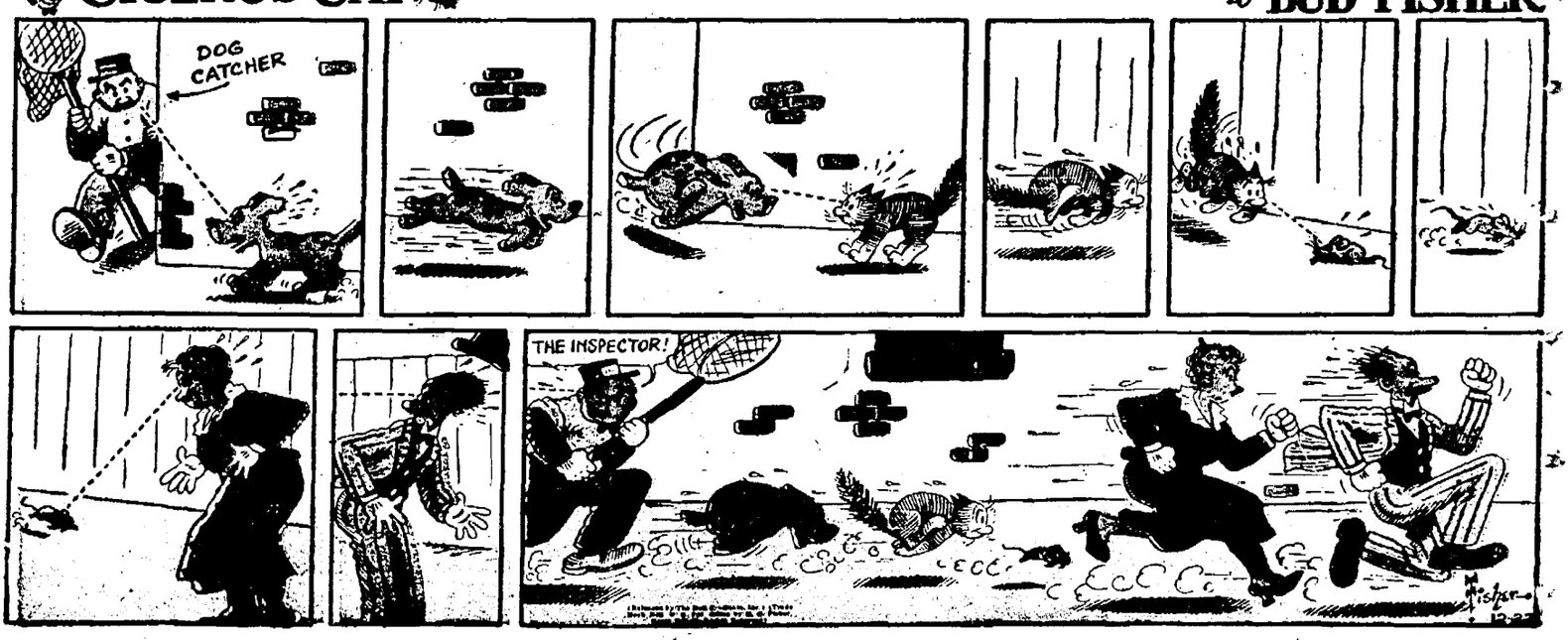

Any youngster — up to 80 years will enjoy the cooling delicious flavor of —

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And for a larger order ask for a BUCKET of KREE-MEE. Delicious. Refreshing.

FLYIN' JENNY

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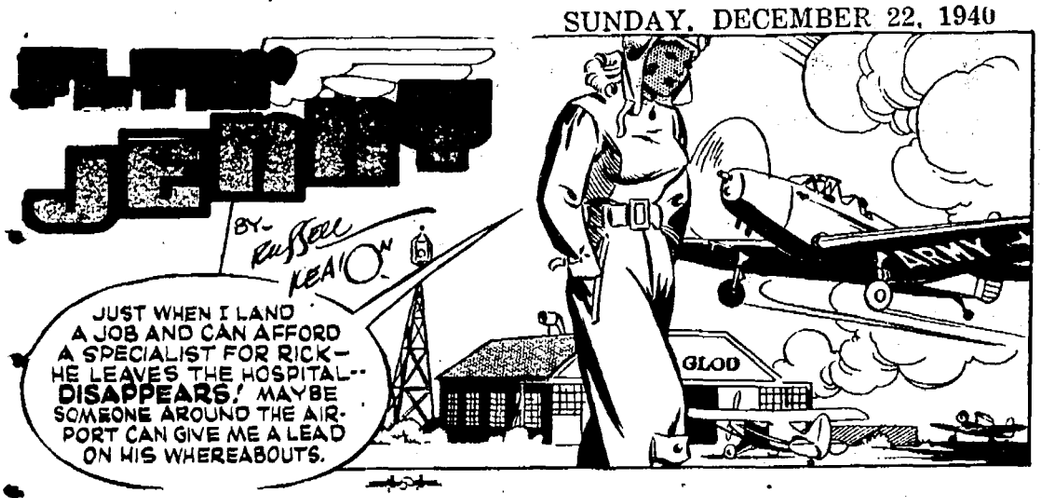

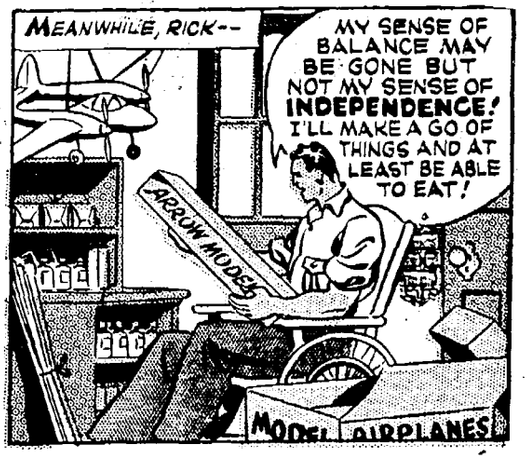

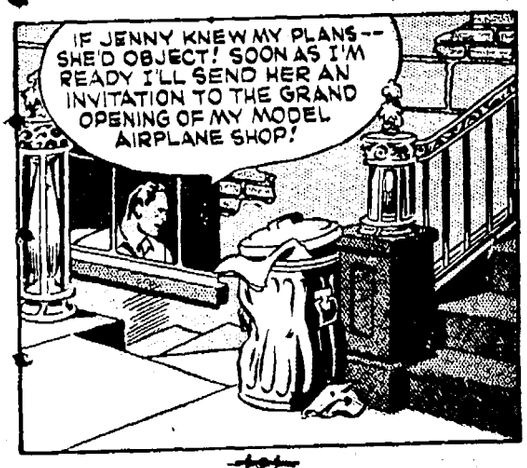

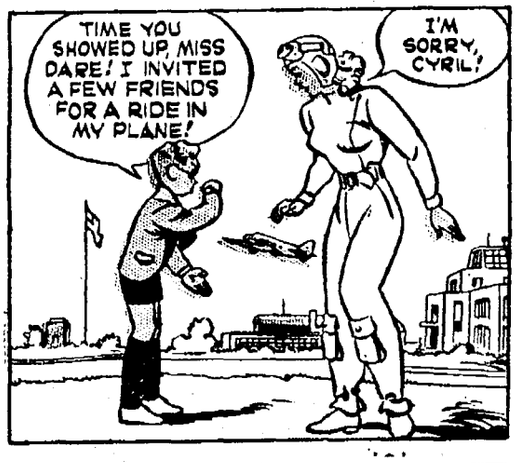

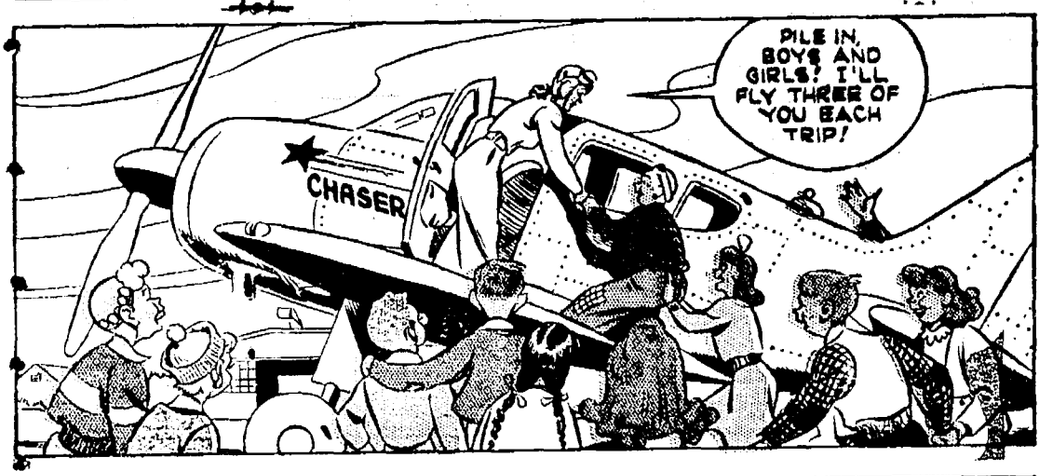

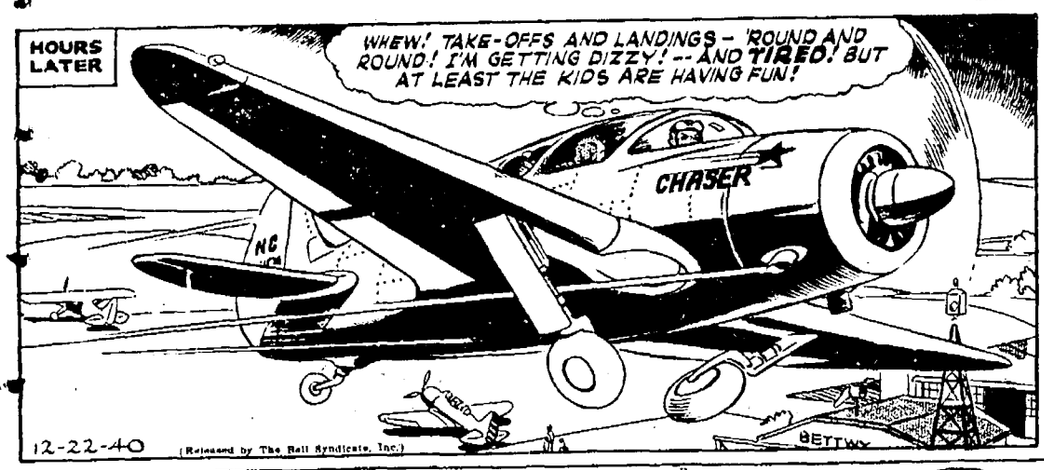

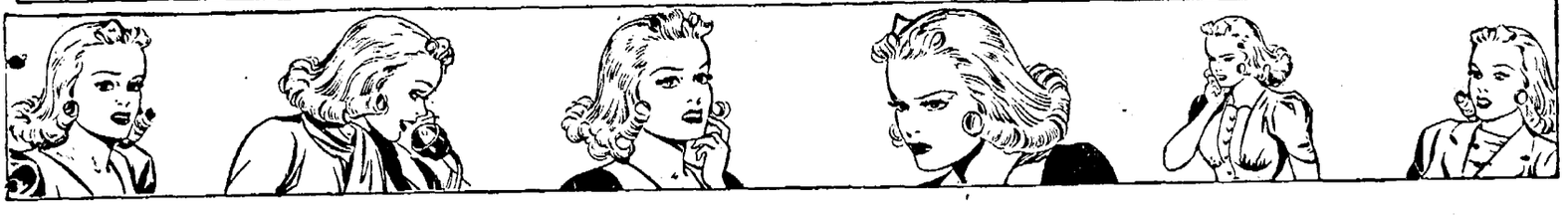

THE COMIC ZOO

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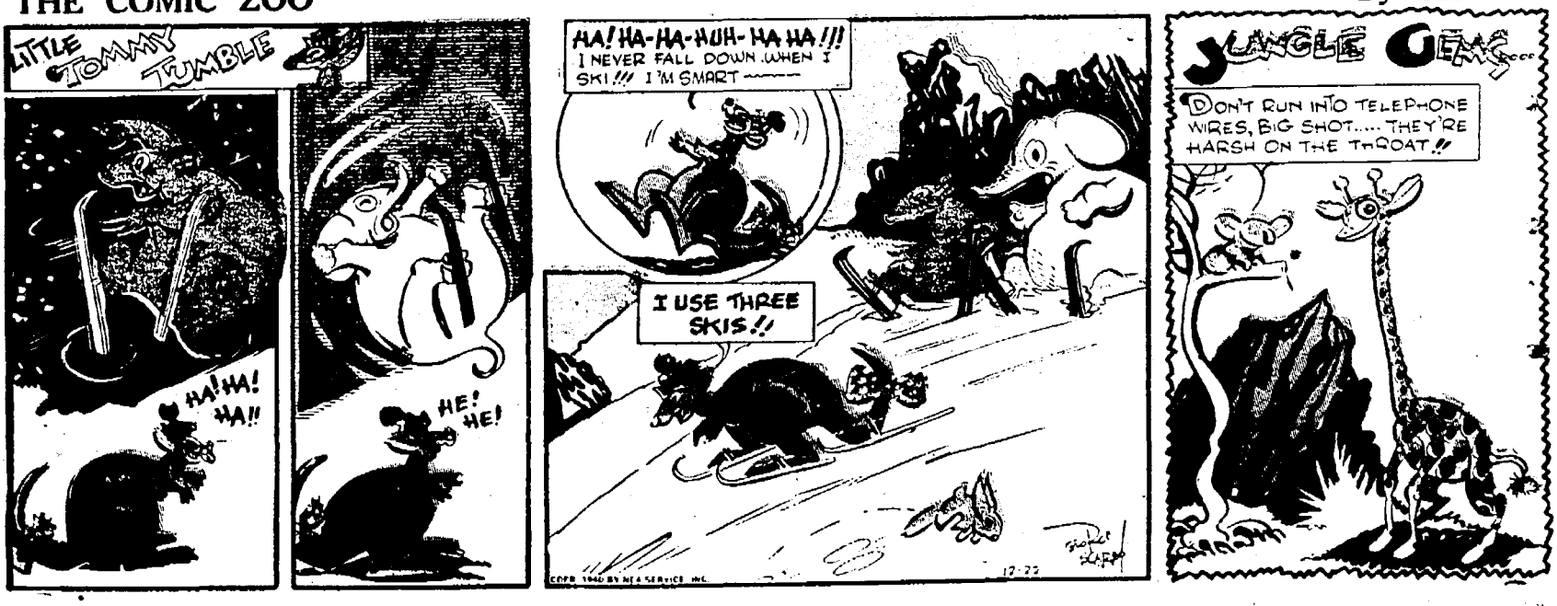

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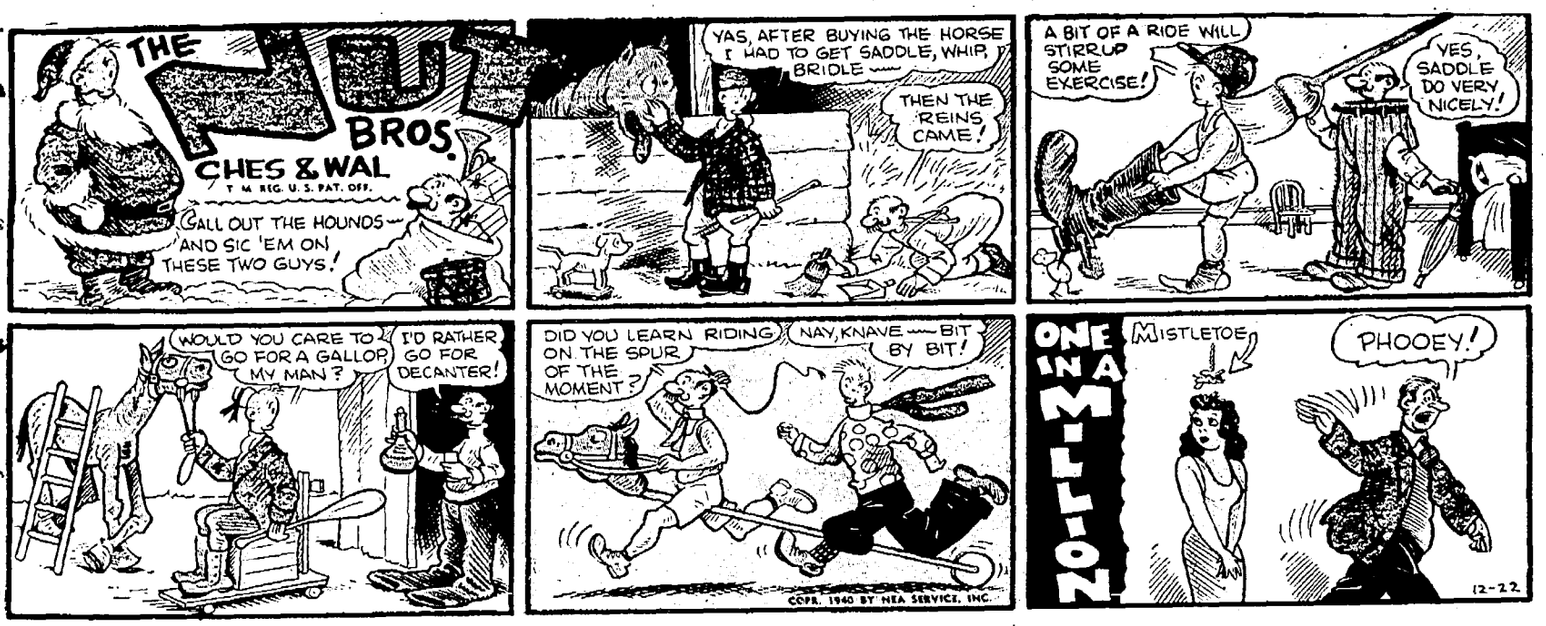

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

MAJOR HOOPLE

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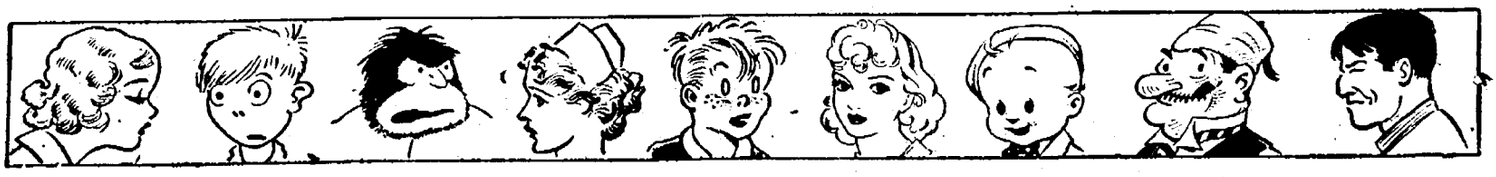

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

CHRISTMAS in the MODERN MANNER!

by Willard Ferguson

SORRY, JUNIOR, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY LONG STOCKINGS.

CHILDREN! DON'T OPEN YOUR PRESENTS UNTIL PAPA GETS HIS MOVIE CAMERA READY.

MISTLETOE, OR *PHORADENDRON FLAVESCENS*, IS AN UNSCRUPULOUS *PARASYTE* ...AND, BESIDES, KISSING ENDANGERS HEALTH THROUGH THE SPREADING OF INSIDIOUS GERMS.

HEY! CUT OUT THE CAROLING UNTIL I HEAR THE REST OF THESE *WAR BULLETINS*.

PEACE ON EARTH

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WHAT, NO MOTOR? DO YOU THINK I'M GONNA *PEDAL* THIS THING?

WHEN YOU GO TO LUNCH, GET MY WIFE A GIFT AT BROWN'S! JUST CHARGE IT... AND HAVE IT SENT OUT.

SEND OVER ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED GALLONS OF *FURNACE OIL*! I DON'T WANTA RUN OUT DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

BRINGING IN THE YULE LOG..
1940

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

by Gasser

OH, BOY, **BOXING** GLOVES!! JUST WHAT I WANTED, POP!

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, TAG!

GEE... **ICE SKATES**! YOU AND MOM WERE SURE GOOD TO ME, POP!

BETTER LOOK IN THAT OTHER ONE, TOO!

WONDER WHAT'S IN IT, TAG?

LET'S OPEN IT AND FIND OUT!

BOYOBOY, THIS IS THE BEST YET !!!

WELL, IT'S WHAT YOU WANTED MOST

DIDN'T YOU THINK YOU'D GET IT, TAG?

GOSH, NO! JUST LAST NIGHT, I SAYS TO MYSELF: TAG, THEY WON'T GIVE YOU ONE!

DIDN'T YOU EVEN **SUSPECT** WE MIGHT GIVE YOU ONE?

NO, POP! I FIGURED YOU WERE A CINCH, NOT TO.

IT'S BEEN HIDDEN ON THE SHELF IN THE CLOSET FOR SEVERAL WEEKS!

NO FOOLING?

IF YOU HAD FOUND IT THERE, WOULD YOU HAVE SNEAKED IT OUT AND **SHOT IT**?

OF COURSE NOT, POP!

STAY RIGHT THERE... I'LL BE BACK IMMEDIATELY!!

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IF YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH, THEN THE MOTHS CERTAINLY RAISED CAIN WITH THESE TARGETS!!

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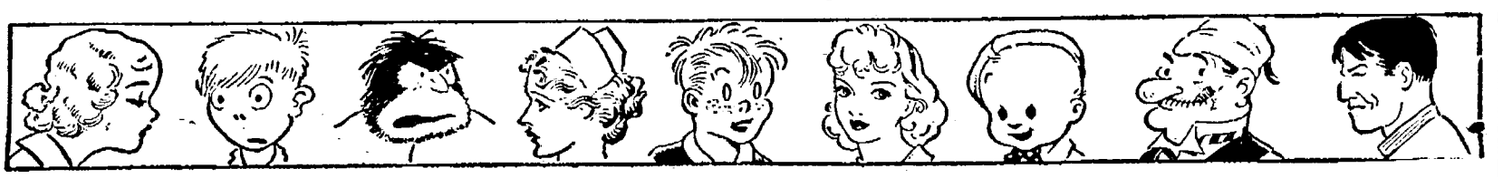

THIMBLE THEATRE :-: Starring POPEYE

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Merry Words Is Funny

Merry Christmas to You from

AW, GRAN'PAW BRAMBLE! DON'T BE SICH A DRIP! TELL ME WHAT YA GOT FER SUNNY!

NO, SIREE, BILL BIFF! THAT BIG MOUTH O' YOURS WORKS ON A HAIR-TRIGGER! YOU'D GO STRAIGHT AND BLAB THE SECRET TO HER!

ALL I'LL SAY IS, IT'S **LIFE-SIZED**, AND IF YOU'LL COME BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE, YOU CAN **SEE** IT ON THE TREE!

NOW, TO GET IT HUNG ON THE VERY HIGHEST BRANCH!

IF I LEAN BACK AGAINST THIS STURDY LIMB, I CAN REACH...!

OUCH!

OOOOH, MY!

CRASH!

GOLLY! SOUNDS LIKE GRAN'PAW WAS **WRECKIN'** TH' JOINT!

WELL! WHAT IN THE NAME O'...?

HEY, FOLKS! C'MON AN' SEE SUNNY'S **PRESENT** ..HANGIN' ON TH' TREE!

GRAN'PAW BRAMBLE BOUGHT HER A **LIFE-SIZED MONKEY**!

SHUT UP, YOU NINCOMPOOP! AND SET THAT LADDER UP HERE!

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RECORD RAINS CAUSED BY GULF STORM

Nazis Hint War With U. S. If Britain Is Given Foreign Ships Tied Up Here

ASK ENVOYS BE RECALLED FOR SPYING

Gravest Crisis Of War Indicated Now

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

BERLIN—(AP)—An official spokesman of the German foreign office charged Saturday that Britain's minister of shipping was "inciting America to commit a warlike act" against the Axis and, in carefully chosen words, added that the United States' reaction "is being awaited by Germany with extraordinary interest."

The occasion for this solemn and emotional statement was a press conference weighted with gravity; the reason, an interview given the American press in London Friday by Ronald Cross, the British shipping minister, who suggested assignment of the British of the German and Italian ships which are tied up in neutral United States harbors.

Vitally Interested

The German spokesman, in an aside, added: "The Reichs government is therefore centering its entire attention upon this (United States) reaction."

(Informed but unofficial political sources in Rome said delivery of Axis ships to Britain by the United States would be "unfriendly" and "unneutral" and expressed confidence it would not happen.)

Nearly coinciding with the foreign office conference, it was announced officially that the German government has asked the United States state department to recall three members of the staff of the United States embassy in Paris on charges that they helped a British officer to escape.

These three are Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, formerly of Asheville, N. C., a receptionist who recently was detained for several days of German military occupation authorities in Paris; Cecil M. P. Cross,

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VALLEY RIVER BRIDGE SOLD

Miller To Sign Final Papers Monday

McALLEN—Sam L. Miller of McAllen announced Saturday that he had purchased a controlling interest in the Valley Bridge Co., which has just completed a new suspension bridge across the Rio Grande between Reynosa and Hidalgo.

The announcement confirmed rumors which had been heard concerning the transaction for several weeks but not previously authenticated.

A contract to purchase controlling stock of the bridge company was executed 10 days ago, Miller said. Final legal papers closing the deal will be signed Monday.

No Sellers Named

Miller made the announcement from his home here, where he has been confined with a mild attack of influenza. The former bank president declined to reveal names of the stockholders from whom he purchased his interest.

Miller's interest in the international bridge at Hidalgo is of long standing. Earlier this year he had announced his intention of seeking permission to build a self-liquidating bridge adjacent to the present structure which would be donated to the state highway department as a free bridge after investors in the project had been paid back out of tolls.

Miller went so far as to obtain title to land adjoining the present bridge site and to revive an old company formed some 15 years ago which owned a bridge permit, granted by congress but never utilized. His plan for a competing bridge apparently was shelved when Miller was able to purchase control of the present structure.

New Construction

Concurrent with his bridge announcement, Miller revealed that plans have been prepared and are ready for submission on to the government for building new accommodations for the customs, immigration and public health services at Hidalgo. As soon as these planes are approved, construction will begin.

The new suspension bridge which cost about $120,000, was opened for traffic only a week ago. Workmen are still putting finishing touches on the bridge sidewalks. The new bridge replaces a pontoon bridge which has been in use more than a year, since the old suspension bridge fell into the river. The old bridge fell on November 12, 1939, killing one motorist who was driving across. Since the new bridge opened, traffic betwee Mexico and this country has increased 30 per cent, bridge authorities have reported.

Another Star Is Born

'Christmas Star' New Comet, Seen In West

AUSTIN—(AP)—Adding to the Yuletide illumination displays is a brilliant comet which will be visible to the naked eye from now until January 13, flaring brightest about January 1.

Dr. Otto Struve, director of the University of Texas McDonald Observatory, reported Saturday the comet will be visible just after sundown immediately above—and its tail pointed away from—the western horizon.

Texas and University of Chicago astronomers have arranged three sets of cooperative observations bearing on the comet which has been dubbed Comet Cunningham after its discoverer, a Harvard University astronomer.

Xmas Business Soars

Best Since 1929 Predicted As Money Flows In Steady Stream; Defense Program Aids

By The Associated Press

Big Christmas shopping crowds rolled up substantial trade gains in a war-time spending splurge at busy industrial centers, a nation-wide survey showed.

Many merchants reported the best Christmas trade since 1929 as workers from defense-stimulated industries poured their extra pay into retail channels. Some said the buying broke all records.

Increased factory employment and over-time wages in the drive to speed defense output augmented the buying power of millions. Government figures indicated national income this year had climbed at least $4,000,000,000 above the 1939 total.

Jones Is Optimistic

Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones said the 1940 holiday retail business probably would "shadow all previous records." He credited the defense program with stimulating the industrial upswing in recent months and noted 2,300,000 workers had been added to payrolls in non-farm jobs since February.

Latest reports indicated the rising of employment was still on as defense planners sought to quicken the productive pace of war plants. Huge unfilled orders for both U. S. and British account were held an assurance of high factory activity for months ahead, even without further boost in armament spending.

Improvement Widespread

Retail trade improvement seemed to be widely distributed through the country but the most emphatic reports of year-to-year gains came from industrial and military training centers, where government payrolls infused new life into business.

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Money Flows But Inflation Is Not Expected

By IRVING PERLMETER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Like firemen who purchase equipment for fighting a catastrophic blaze which may never develop, administration economists are devising methods of combatting inflation from the multi-billion dollar defense program, although saying they do not expect it.

Officials Not Alarmed

Admittedly, the current situation, with the government putting unprecedented sums of money in circulation in the acquisition of weapons, contains elements tending to increase prices. After prolonged study, however, the professional economists in the government are of the opinion that there is no real threat of inflation.

In general, here are their tentative conclusions:

1. There will be slightly higher prices and greater mass spending power in terms of dollars (although those dollars may not buy as much as at present).

2. After a decade of depression, the country can stand such a mild inflation, if it can be call'ed that; perhaps ought to have it.

3. If real inflation threatens, it can be checked.

Over-simplified, what causes an inflation is this: When money is plentiful, a large number of would-be buyers bid against each other for a desired article and boost the price. The seller, naturally, will take all he can get.

May Force Savings

One of the methods the economists have discussed for preventing this situation is government compulsion to force people to save part of their money instead of spending it. In England, this method is practically in operation already, except that moral and patriotic pressure has been substituted for government edicts in coercing the people to save.

Usually, this method has been defined as a law requiring citizens to put a portion of their earnings in the bank each week or month.

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Waive Strike Right

NEW YORK—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover declared Saturday night that employers and employes in essential war industries should waive their respective rights of lockout and strike "in favor of arbitration."

Hal Kemp Dies

Swingmaster Victim Of Auto Crash

MADERA, Calif.—(AP)—Hal Kemp, the swingmaster, who aspired to be a symphony conductor, died here Saturday.

The 36-year-old bandmaster died from pneumonia which developed from injuries he received in an automobile accident near here Wednesday.

It was Kemp's orchestra that the Duke of Windsor often danced to in London clubs when he was Prince of Wales. One night the prince played the drums in Kemp's band.

DEFENSE GOAL IS OUTLINED BY KNUDSEN

Maximum Production Sacrifices Urged

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The new defense high command Saturday set as its goal maximum production "in every field which can contribute to victory" and asked for cooperation of "every element in the American community."

The expression of purpose was made by William S. Knudsen, director of the office for production management of the defense commission, in a statement at the close of a day which saw these concrete steps in the rearmament program: Extension of the export control system to 15 additional items, including chemicals useful in production of war gases and aviation gasoline.

Navy Orders Placed

Placing of navy orders totalling $284,218,700 for submarine chasers and auxiliary vessels, included were four ships designed for placing anti-submarine nets at entrances to strategic harbors.

Selection of a site at Tulsa, Okla., for a plant which will assemble planes from parts made in automobile factories. Similar plants already have been allocated to Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo.

Award of a $6,756,399 contract to the Hercules Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., for operation and equipment of a powder bag loading plant near Pulaski, Va. This plant will operate in connection with the $36,000,000 powder plant the same firm is building for the government at Radford, Va.

"Recognize Full Crisis"

Knudsen asked the American people to recognize "the full gravity of the crisis" in the world and "figuratively to pull off their coats and roll up their sleeves and give their concentrated, undivided attention to one thing—the swiftest possible production of means of defense."

He said "the contest which produced this crisis is irreconcilable in character and cannot be terminated by any methods of appeasement."

"Both the future security of the

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British Shoot Down 144 Italian Planes

LONDON—(AP)—The British, using Adolf Hitler's own blitzkrieg tactics, knocked out "at least" 144 Italian planes in the first 12 days of their North African offensive while losing only 13 of their own, the air ministry news service reported Saturday night.

Eighty-eight of the Fascist planes, the news service said, were shot down in the air and 56 destroyed on the ground or captured. Pilots of five of the 13 British planes lost were reported safe.

Italy To Take Suez?

ROME—(AP)—The Suez, as the vital point in the Mediterranean, "will be reached by Italian troops" despite "the violent shock" in Libya, the Fascist weekly Relazioni Internazionali declared Saturday.

Moderate Disturbance Located As Downpours Close Valley Roads

RAINS SLATED TO INCREASE FRUIT PRICES

Growers Warned To Expect More

By HARRY FOEHNER

HARLINGEN—The Valley is all set to reap big dividends from this week's rains although suffering temporary discomfort from the dreary drizzle which persisted far into the night Saturday with prospects for more Sunday.

Although the rains held up harvesting of fruit intended for holiday gift packages, thus depriving many of their Christmas grapefruit and oranges, there already was a noticeable reaction in the markets to prospects for curtailed supplies for at least a week and possibly two. Shippers with fruit in their houses were already reporting better prices.

Vegetables Helped

Vegetable crops were expected to benefit and range lands to become covered with verdant grass for grazing.

"This is a good time of the year to stop, look and listen instead of shipping out fruit in great quantities and the enforced harvesting holiday will do the market a lot of good," said William A. Brunton, sales manager for the Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange at Weslaco. We have always felt the demand was going to come after the first of the year or after February 1."

The exchange has sent out bulletins to its member associations asking them to be very cautious in the harvesting of fruit not only to prevent a heavy movement to market but also to prevent trouble which usually develops when wet fruit is shipped. Decay sets in much

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Nazi Guns Fire On Kentish Coastline

DOVER, Eng.—(AP)—The big German guns of Cap Gris Nez opened fire across the Straits of Dover Saturday shortly after 9 p. m. (2 p. m. CST), breaking a week's silence.

The shelling was heavy. Towns on the Kentish coast were shaken by the crash of the shells, coming at 3-minute intervals for a quarter of an hour.

Army Uses Objectors

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Plans are being worked out, draft headquarters said Saturday, to employ conscientious objectors to military service on reforestation and soil conservation projects.

1940 Sir Walter Raleigh

No, chivalry is not dead these days. But it's changed. Sir Walter Raleigh threw his cape in the mud for a queen to step on, but the 1940 Sir Walter Raleigh picks up his queen and carries her through the mud and water. For example, note the couple above, photographed on Harlingen's main street Saturday during the record rain. (Photo by Jack Purnell.)

CRASH KILLS VALLEY MAN

Edinburg Hunter Dies At Monterrey

EDINBURG—Badly injured when the car in which he was returning from a Tampico hunting trip plunged off a highway embankment 25 miles south of Monterrey, Joe Baldridge, 34-year-old Edinburg finance firm operator, died at a hospital in the latter Mexican city Saturday morning.

A. Y. Baker, Jr., and Tommy Faires, both of Edinburg, who were with Baldridge, sustained only minor injuries.

Baker and Faires will return to Reynosa by train Sunday afternoon, they informed Baker's brother, Gillespie, of Edinburg, Saturday by telephone.

Baldridge's body remains at Monterrey.

Driver Is Blinded

The accident took place, the brother was told, when the Edinburg car met another at a narrow, gravelled curve on the highway. Blinded by the lights of the approaching car, the Edinburg driver moved his car too close to the edge of the road and it tumbled over and down the embankment. How far it fell was not learned.

One of Baldridge's ears was almost torn off and he sustained other head injuries.

Wait 2 Hoours

The men were forced to wait for more than two hours on the highway before a passing Monterrey-bound motorist picked them up and took them to that city. A few moments after a doctor at the hospital began to treat Baldridge, the Edinburg man died. He had never lost consciousness.

Among his survivors are Dair Baldridge of Edinburg, prominent produce shipper, and Ray Baldridge, who operates a recreation hall here. There are several other brothers and sisters, in addition to his mother, who resides at Lyford but who was visiting in Edinburg at the time news of the fatal accident was received.

No local funeral arrangements had been announced.

The party of three Edinburg men had left last Monday on the Tampico trip. They were due to arrive here on the return trip Saturday afternoon, having planned to reach Monterrey early Saturday morning.

INVASION WEATHER

DOVER, England—(AP)—Searchlights from both sides of the Strait of Dover swept the starry sky Saturday night. Parachute flares gleamed over the French coast. Mist curtained the waters of the English channel off Calais and Cape Gris Nez.

PORT ISABEL ISOLATED BY HIGH WATER

Heaviest Rains Since 1939 Hit Area

HARLINGEN — A steady downpour which has already exceeded all other rains since the 1933 hurricane continued to fall at midnight Saturday as the U. S. Weather Bureau said a moderate tropical disturbance located in the Gulf of Mexico was to blame and raised storm warnings from Brownsville to Corpus Christi.

So heavy has been the rain during the past 72 hours that Saturday motorists were warned against trying to reach Port Isabel. The highway between Los Fresnos and the port is under several feet of water. Later Saturday water covered the highway between Los Fresnos and Barreda, and travel was impractical over that route.

Continued rainfall was predicted for Sunday and Monday. No change in temperature is expected.

Storm Warnings Raised

The weather bureau advisory read: "Northwest storm warnings ordered 9 p. m., Brownsville to Corpus Christi, and small craft warnings indicated north of Corpus Christi to Port Eads. La. Disturbance of apparently moderate intensity located in central portions of the west Gulf of Mexico, apparently moving slowly eastward or east-northeastward will be attended by strong northwesterly winds on the Lower Texas coast and fresh to occasionally strong north and northeast winds on the upper Texas and Louisiana coasts tonight and Sunday."

W. J. Schnurbusch, Brownsville Weather Bureau chief, said barometer reading was puzzling. Although high Saturday night, it had climbed and dropped erratically during the afternoon. He indicated the storm was similar to a summer disturbance. He said it was of moderate intensity.

Port Isabel residents were advised to stay at home as strong winds and unusually high waves accompanied the rain there. Persons living on piers moved ashore. All boast were tied up in the channel as the weather became worse Friday night. Only incident

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GREEKS TAKE NEW HEIGHTS

War Material Seized In Saturday Drive

ATHENS —(AP)— Greek forces pushing deeper into Albania have captured new fortified heights in the Tepeleni-Klisura sectors and have taken 300 prisoners and a quantity of war material, a government spokesman reported Saturday night.

He declared the Greeks also were continuing their advance in other sectors, especially in the coastal region toward Chimara.

Important Italian positions also were taken in the north beyond Pogradetz, the spokesman said.

Concrete Forts Fall

"Fascist positions on the mountain heights naturally are strong and fortified also by concrete but these machine gun nests have been abandoned under the bayonets of charging Greeks."

British-Greek forces in close collaboration were reported to have struck sharply against Italy by land, sea and air.

British fliers participated in two of these, directly in their own attacks at Italy's home and Albanian bases and in support of Greek troops in the front lines.

By air—RAF bombers based in Greece were said to have bombed oil tanks and railways overnight at the Italian port of Brindisi, across the Adriatic Sea from Albania, setting off "large fires" and "several explosions."

Also, the RAF reported attacks

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Finn Ship Arrives

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Finnish freighter Carolina Thorden, pock-marked with the machine-gun bullets of a Nazi warplane and carrying the rescued crew of the mined Greek freighter Dionssios Stathaos, dropped anchor in the lower bay Saturday.

Princess Mary Talks

NEW YORK—(AP)—Princess Mary, of England, president of the British Girl Guides, will make her first trans-Atlantic radio broadcast at 9:45 a. m. (CST) Sunday over the network of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Sheriff Pleads For Safety On Roads

EDINBURG—An appeal to Valley drivers to remove the sting of death from their Christmas celebrations came Saturday from Hidalgo county's sheriff, R. T. (Bob) Daniel.

In a warning against holiday traffic accidents, the sheriff pointed to the excessive death toll on Valley highways already this year—now standing at 83—and claimed that serious attention should center on safety during the light-hearted Yule period.

Pavements Slick

Especially in view of weekend weather conditions, Daniel said extra precautions should be taken by all drivers against accidents on slick pavement.

"Let's pay some attention to the children, too," he urged. "Thousands of them are out of school for the holidays, and their safety is our responsibility if we are going to drive our cars." Daniel expressed the hope that un-

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TROOPS GUARD IN MATAMOROS

Reason For Calling Out Men Vague

MATAMOROS — Federal troops were stationed Saturday night outside the Matamoros city hall, to prevent possible disorder, after being called by Mayor Francisco Zarate. No disorders had occurred in the city Saturday, and exact purpose of the troops was not disclosed.

Agrarians of the vicinity, however, had supported candidacy of Antonio De Leon, declared by state congress of Tamaulipas Saturday to have been elected mayor of Matamoros in December 1 election. Whether fear of possible agrarian coup d'etat was cause of the presence of the troops was not revealed.

Mayor Zarate had unofficially backed candidacy of Tomas Saro, supposed to be PRM candidate for the place. De Leon was an independent candidate. Earlier Saro had claimed victory.

Committee of five Tamaulipas congressmen had watched the election, and Saturday made their report to the congress in special session, held by Attorney General Jacobo Martinez, provisional governor in absence of Governor Marte R. Gomez. The congress Saturday declared De Leon the winner, issuing certificate signed by Martinez.

Toys, Candy, Bits Of Tinsel Litter London Streets As Christmas Celebrants Killed In Night Air Raid

BRITISH RUSH EXTRA FORCES

Italians Making Final Stand At Bardia

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—The British moved more reinforcements Saturday to Bardia, besieged Libyan port where the Italians are making their first real stand against Britain's 13-day-old North African campaign.

The town now has been cut off for two days with the best part of two Italian divisions inside and British guns turned on it from land and sea. Field forces are reported officially to be striking beyond that smoking stronghold toward the important Fascist base of Torbruk, clearing areas to the west and northwest.

Fight To Finish?

Whether Bardia's beleaguered Italians intend to fight to the finish or surrender is a question to which there was no answer so far from British military sources.

The Fascists, it was pointed out, may have instructions to hold on as long as possible to give Marshal Rodolfo Graziani time to reorganize his scattered forces farther west—at Tobruk, for instance, which has strong defenses.

Bardia also is strongly defended and British headquarters indicated

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Pigs Create Panic

BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—Three pigs flying swastika flags were set loose on elegant Florida street Saturday, causing a mild panic. Police rounded up the pigs but could not learn who loosed them.

Tenement Packed With Poor Celebrating Holidays Leveled By Huge Bomb

By The Associated Press

LONDON—An undetermined number of Londoners who had been holding parties to celebrate the coming of Christmas were killed Saturday night in a tenement house smashed by a German bomb.

In the street outside lay bits of tinsel and a star from atop a Christmas tree. Amidst the rubble of furniture, bricks, children's toys and Christmas decorations lay bodies in their respectable "Sunday best."

Men and women who a little while before had been singing carols and exchanging Christmas puddings and candy stood dumbly about the ruins.

Like "Hammer Blow"

"It came like a hammer blow," one man said. "My wife and I were out in the kitchen fixing some food. Inside they were singing 'God Rest Ye, Merrie Gentlemen' and laughing and shouting. Suddenly we heard that awful whoosh of a falling bomb. Thank God my kids are with their grandmother in the country.

"There's what's left of the party," he said with a gesture at the broken homes.

There had been parties all around the district, some in air raid shelters and others in homes. When the sirens sounded most of the people

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Pun-Loving Felons Stage Play At Pen

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—"Stars in stripes of 1940"—that's the name some pun-loving prisoner has selected for the annual Christmas play at Ohio penitentiary.

The program for the presentation describes it as a "colossal collection of scintillating songs, gorgeous gags, delirious dances, magnificent music. One hundred men—100—count 'em."

AIR INVASION IS EXPECTED

English Prepare For Parachute Troops

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON—(AP)—Expectation of a new, formidable threat of invasion from the air was widely supported Saturday night by responsible military and air sources who declared that Germany would send over an enlarged Luftwaffe and thousands of parachute troops in an attempt to beat Britain to her knees before spring.

The air correspondent of the well-informed Sunday Times said that the "new threat as forecast by Lord Beaverbrook comes more plainly from the air," an opinion backed by neutral and British air sources. Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, warned Britain this week against letting down her guard.

May Come By Night

These sources suggested that the comparative immunity of night bombers over Britain probably may be encouraging the Germans to try landing by parachutists and aerial troops transports at night.

Observers remark hopefully that

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BLOODY XMAS IS FORECAST ON US ROADS

50 Fatalities Seen This Week-End

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN —(AP)— The bloodiest Christmas on record was predicted in 1940 traffic fatalities over last year.

The upward trend probably will continue, they opined gloomily, because of heavy Christmas traffic which normally takes the year's biggest few-day toll.

49 Last Year

Christmas week-end last year claimerd 49 lives, leading to a forecast of a possible 50 fatalities on Dec. 24 and 25 this year.

In hopes of upsetting their prophecy, 200 highway patrolmen will climb into cars at daybreak Dec. 24 and begin a 48-hour visit along some 20,000 miles of arteries on which accidents are most frequent.

1733 More Deaths

Death probably will put new names on the record of 1940 highway slaughter which is now only 38 persons short of 1939's toll of 1,583. Indications were for 1,733 or more deaths this year which would be the largest since a record breaking 2,043 in 1937.

Surveying the 11-month record, officers found Dallas leading the big city group in safety results with 17 fatalities or 5.80 per 100,000 population, based on 1940 census. Houston followed with 40 blots on its record, a rate of 12.69.

Bracket Rankings

Rankings in the 50,001-100,000 population bracket included Amarillo 3 and 5.83; Corpus Christi 4 and 6.96; El Paso 8 and 8.27; Waco 12 and 21.49.

Tyler led cities in the 25,001-50,000 group with no deaths. Other records: Laredo 2 and 5.14; Port Arthur 3 and 6.59; San Angelo 2 and 7.75; Wichita Falls 5 and 11.13; Lubbock 5 and 15.83; Abilene 6 and 21.89.

City Records

Denison, Corsicana, University Park, Pampa, Bryan and Sweetwater tied for first with spotless records in the small cities rankings.

Other records: Big Spring 1 and 7.93; Brownsville 2 and 9.03; Borger 1 and 9.09; Paris 2 and 10.72; Temple 2 and 13; Harlingen 2 and 15.10; Marshall 3 and 16.30; McAllen 2 and 16.90; Longview 3 and 21.79; Greenville 5 and 36.20.

Downpour Fills Harlingen Streets Level

Building a Mississippi levee to keep West Harrison street floodwaters from entering the Valley Tire Store the photographer caught T. O. Potter wielding a shovel late Saturday evening. With water over the sidewalk in the 600 block of Harrison every passing car would send a miniature tidal wave into business houses along the block.

The young lady pictured above crossing the alley on A street, between Jackson and Van Buren, seems to have found a fur coat and fur turban most practical for braving Saturday's rain. In a mad dash between the raindrops she didn't give the photographer time to get her name, much less her phone number.

DEFENSE GOAL IS OUTLINED

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United States and the total defense for our democratic principles in this world wide contest," he continued, "demand that every resource of capital and management and maximum effort on the part of labor shall be ceaselessly employed to provide means of defense against attack.

"The office of production management has but one mission—production—production to the maximum of American resources in capital and labor, in management and industry, in every field which can contribute to victory."

Export Control Extended

The extension of the export control system by order of President Roosevelt took in cobalt, various plastic moulding and testing machines, equipment and plans for producing aviation lubricating oil, and bromine, ethylene, ethylene dibromide and methylamine.

The action does not automatically bar export of these products, but requires a government license before they can be sent from the country. Previously, the licensing system had been applied to 58 products including aviation gasoline and scrap iron.

Saturday's additions were described officially as "for the purpose of perfecting" previous lists.

Bromine is a heavy liquid useful for poison warfare gas. Combined with ethylene, it is used to make ethylene dibromide, which in turn is used in making the ethyl fluid which is an ingredient of aviation gasolines.

Just Precautionary

Exports of those chemicals have been relatively insignificant, an official said. One person expressed the belief that their addition to the list may have been a precautionary measure. Japan has been a purchaser of the chemicals.

Thirty-one vessels were included in the navy's contracts for auxiliaries and while the navy did not disclose the number or size of the submarine chasers ordered, the terms of the announcement indicated about 30 of the small craft were involved.

In connection with the auxiliary building program, the navy announced it had agreed to pay $6,000,000 for additional facilities at five shipyards.

In addition to the four net layers, the auxiliary vessels ordered included two mine layers, 13 seaplane tenders, three destroyer tenders, two submarine tenders, five submarine rescue vessels and two repair ships. The submarine rescue craft are the first to be built by the navy specifically for that purpose. Vessels now doing that work were converted from other types.

Santa Claus Flies

BOSTON—(AP)—Hauled through the skies by a spinning propeller instead of a prancing reindeer team, Santa Claus flies again tomorrow to bring Christmas to the isolated men who from New England's lonely lighthouses keep shipping safe.

RAID HITS XMAS FUN IN LONDON

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stayed in their houses, believing it would be just another "light night."

Then They Were Dead

Then they were dead on the pavements or peering sadly into wrecked homes. The wounded had been taken to hospitals. Children still clutched cheap toys in the cold.

Firemen worked in the tenement wreckage. There seemed little hope that anyone below was alive—the bomb had been a big one. As they worked, pathetic mementoes of the party were shoveled out into the street—a bag of Christmas candies and a red and white figure of Santa Claus.

There probably were 150 people in the tenement at the time the bomb fell. The number of dead cannot now be released.

Waves Of Bombers

German fliers had bombed a London apartment house earlier in the day, causing an undetermined number of casualties there. As they renewed the assault on the city Saturday night on this, the longest night of winter, raiders were reported crossing the southeast coast at great height in at least two waves.

Liverpool and other Merseyside towns were assaulted for the second successive night. The Nazi air attacks—which followed by 24 hours heavy British raids upon Berlin—extended from the English Channel to the Irish Sea.

German planes darted over the Liverpool area at the rate of one a minute, beginning the attack shortly after dark.

Casualties Few

Earlier reports indicated working class districts suffered heaviest; but after the raid had been in progress for some time and many bombs had been dropped there had been no fatal casualties, so far as could be learned.

One public shelter was hit and several people were taken to a hospital.

The raiders first dropped flares and then high explosives.

The most spectacular battle of the day started nearly seven miles aloft and ended only 50 feet above the channel waters. A Spitfire dived at a German bomber, it was said, and, chasing it over the water, caught it with a machine gun burst. The bomber crashed in flames, it was reported.

In Liverpool, hard hit in raids of Friday night, men dug into the wreckage of a bombed hotel for victims. Among those reported killed were several firemen who died in line of duty.

Anti-Nazi Films In Mexico Are Guarded

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—Police assigned special guards Saturday to all theaters showing anti-Nazi films and to all meetings of an anti-Nazi nature in an effort to halt a series of organized disturbances by groups crying "Heil Hitler" and throwing stench bombs, tear gas and itch powder.

'Charitable' Christmas Spirit Costs Woman Who Gave Hitch-Hiker A Ride $5,200 In Her Bag And Her Charity

BOSTON—(AP)—Giving a ride to a hitch-hiker because the Christmas season made her feel "charitable" cost a Roxbury beauty shop operator $5,200, she told police —money intended for a fur coat, a diamond ring and a South American cruise.

Mrs. Dorothy L. Millette, 40, said she picked up a youth of about 23 while driving through Brookline on her way to deposit the sum in a bank.

Quiet and well-mannered, the boy had little to talk about except the weather. When he left the car after a brief ride, Mrs. Millette said, he mumbled thanks and added "I hope you have a Merry Christmas."

A few blocks further on, the driver discovered that her black leather bag containing the money was gone.

FRUIT PRICES TO INCREASE

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earlier when wet fruit is shipped or fruit picked too soon following rains, Brunton said.

"I don't see how anyone possibly can get into orchards for harvesting before the middle of the week or Thursday," Brunton said.

May Delay Harvesting

A. J. (Frenchy) LeFort, Harlingen shipper, expressed the belief that the rains will hold up harvesting all of next week. He said picking crews could not get in some places Thursday and that it may be ten days before harvesting is possible in some orchards.

Manager W. E. Allen of the Stuart Place Citrus Association said that he did not look for much fruit to be harvested before first of the year because of the mud.

Combined track holdings on 16 principal receiving markets amounted to 88 cars of grapefruit, 276 of oranges and 16 of mixed citrus.

The rains were also expected to benefit the condition of citrus fruit trees and of vegetable crops now coming to maturity. The rains were deemed more beneficial than damaging to truck crops.

Ranchmen Happy

The dry land ranch district of the Valley, whose rolling thousands of acres from Zapata and Starr counties on the west and Willacy county on the east have been thirsty for the past seven years, relished what ranch owners called a "general rain."

Precipitation ranging from two to six inches blanketed the huge pastures throughout the country north and west of Edinburg. Cattlemen said it was the most valuable moisture their lands had received since the hurricane in 1933. They explained that brief rains in the past has failed to prove very valuable—even the recent five-inch downpour which struck the ranches several weeks ago—but that the soaking new downpours would bring out vast new crops of pasture grass.

Traffic to and from the ranches was almost at a standstill because of the condition of dirt roads but so unusual was the moisture at some points, however, that ranch hands called in by long distance telephone to report to owners.

Page grandmother! Crocheted edges finish some 1941 linen resort clothes and hats.

BRITISH PUSH EXTRA FORCES

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Saturday it would take considerable more artillery shelling and aerial bombardment before a ground assault can be launched.

The British hold that the final outcome is not in doubt and that they have had few casualties so far but there is no reason for wasting manpower.

Tripoli Is Raided

Striking far in advance of the land forces, the RAF Friday night was reported to have carried out a heavy raid on the Castel Benito airdrome, near Tripoli on the coast, almost all the way across Libya to the Tunisian frontier.

The bombers hit five hangars at the airdrome, a special communique said, destroying 19 planes and damaging others.

In the areas beyond smoking Bardia, the British command reported capture of 900 prisoners, along with four guns, added to more than 30,000 already taken captive.

Bardia itself, already reported fixed in a cirle of steel formed half by the land forces and half by British warships intermittently shelling the town from the Mediterranean, appeared to be taking mighty punishment.

While British artillery thundered at the town, still more British troop reinforcement were being brought up, general headquarters said.

Spanish Taxes Hiked

MADRID—(AP)—A new law boosting taxes for Spaniards in practically all fields and creating new taxes on the purchase of such articles as salt and soap will be published in the official bulletin Sunday.

GREEKS TAKE NEW HEIGHTS

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Friday on Berati, at a vital road junction on the Albanian front, and on an Italian airfield.

By land—Greek infantrymen, hammering at the gates of Tepeleni and Klisura, were said to have taken two villages and two strategic heights in the Tepeleni area, overcoming cold, stubborn Italian resistance and strong barbed wire barriers. An Italian colonel and two battalions were said to have been captured in fierce fighting around Tepeleni.

By sea—a naval communique Saturday said a Greek destroyer force preceded the British battleship-cruiser-destroyer armada which was reported yesterday to have pushed into the lower Adriatic Dec. 18 and shelled Valona, Italy's port of entry into southern Albania.

Record Is Given

Air Vice Marshal John Henry D'Albiac, commander of the RAF in Greece, summarized the RAF record thus:

Fighters—39 Italian craft destroyed and 12 probably destroyed; one RAF pilot killed and one missing.

Bombers—70 raids carried out, 120 tons of bombs dropped, nine aircraft lost.

The Italian air force, on the other hand has been ineffective and misdirected, Albiac declared.

He laid the British success to good fighting spirit and perfect coordination during air combat.

One instance illustrating morale, he said, occurred when a gunner kept his weapon firing despite such cold that he suffered frostbite that may cost him his fingers.

INFLATION IS NOT EXPECTED

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One of the other ways figuring in Washington theorizing would simplify the plan further by requiring employers to pay part of the payroll in government bonds instead of cash.

The idea is to keep people from bidding up prices by depriving them of the cash used in the process.

May Use Taxes

Others in prominent places think that taxes and special price and material controls can be used to strike at industrial price inflations.

Not the least of the restrictive methods contemplated is moral suasion. There's no law against raising prices, but people who do it are apt to hear from some important people about it.

As perhaps a final resort, the economists said, inflation could be made impossible by law, as is done in Germany, where the government sets prices and wages.

PORT ISABEL IS ISOLATED

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created by the storm, however, was a fire at Isabel Tourist Courts at 3:20 p. m. Saturday. Men were working on the main line near the courts, owned by Mayor T. R. Hunt, when water caused a short, resulting in a sudden blaze quickly extinguished by the volunteer fire department.

"Worst Since 1933"

Port Isabel residents said the storm was the "worst since 1933" but the Coast Guard said there was nothing to be alarmed about.

At Brownsville, where well over five inches fell during 24 hours, the airport was described as a "lake" by airline employes. Scheduled flights continued to be made into and out of Brownsville, however, although the ceiling was low.

Oldtimers said the city was approaching the situation in which it found itself during the heavy rains of 1915 and 1916 when considerable inconvenience was caused by mud. Brownsville rainfall since 3 p. m. Wednesday has been 7:25 inches. Saturday the rainfall was 4:57 inches up to the 6:30 p. m. reading, with heavy rains continuing into the night.

Harlingen had received 6:10 inches in 72 hours ending 6 p. m. Saturday, with 4 inches falling during the day. Streets were flooded as the inadequate sewage system failed to carry off the downpours. In many places water extended from store to store, with curbs invisible. Many merchants dammed doors and entrances to keep water out, but some warehouses were flooded and slight damage reported. Despite the rains, Christmas shoppers crowded streets and stores. Business was good, although undoubtedly much less than it would have been if farmers living on dirt roads, now impassable lakes of mud, had been able to come to town.

McAllen Rain Heavy

Rainfall totalling 5:30 inches fell in McAllen during the past week, and from 6 p. m. Friday to 10 a. m. Saturday a total of 3 inches was recorded. Shoppers in McAllen's business district were crossing streets on foot bridges, but merchants reported excellent trade. High winds swept McAllen between 8 p. m. and 9 p. m. Rain slackened and almost subsided about 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

Although it was still raining in Raymondville late Saturday, it had decreased considerably. Rainfall in Raymondville was slight compared with any of the other Valley points. Between one and one and a quarter inches fell Saturday.

Ranchers in Starr county were jubilant as the heaviest rains in years made grazing prospects bright. Roads to ranches were practically closed, but employes telephoned that rainfall was exceptionally heavy and would materially improve pasture lands.

Started Days Ago

The rains started a week ago with slight drizzles, which dampened the entire Valley. Fairly clear weather prevailed until Wednesday, when first heavy showers fell. Thursday the rains began again, and in most localities have fallen steadily and continuously since. Highways have been closed in some sections, and in others, with water extending across the right-of-way, stakes have been installed to indicate the edge of the concrete. Warnings have been issued to drivers to exercise caution.

Apparently the rains have been concentrated in the Valley and northern Mexico, for travelers from San Antonio Saturday said the weather was clear at Kingsville and first rain was encountered 50 miles north of Raymondville.

No effort was to be made by the circulation departments of the Star-Monitor-Herald to deliver the Sunday papers in rural sections. Papers were to be mailed.

No material rise in the Rio Grande river is anticipated as it was low prior to the rains.

Italian Prisoners Sent To Palestine

JERUSALEM, Palestine — (AP) — Several thousand Italian prisoners taken in Britain's Libyan offensive arrived Saturday at a Palestine internment camp.

Dutch Tanker Safe

LONDON —(AP)— The 10,746-ton Dutch tanker Pendrecht, reported by MacKay radio in New York Wednesday as having radioed that she was torpedoed by a submarine in the Atlantic, has arrived safely at a British port, official Dutch circles in London said Saturday night.

OBITUARY

MRS. R. A. DE RODRIGUEZ

MISSION—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Mission for Mrs. Rafaela Alvarez de Rodriguez, 58, who died early Saturday at her home in Mission.

Survivors are the husband, Amado Rodriguez; and two sons, Jose and Adelfia. Burial was in San Jose Cemetery, southeast of Mission.

A. F. HENDRICKS

MERCEDES — Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a. m. from Stotler Mortuary here for Alexander Franklin Hendricks, 74, who died at his residence one and one-half miles east of here Friday at 4 a. m. Rev. E. V. May, Baptist pastor, will officiate. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park, La Feria.

Deceased was a prominent farmer of the Mercedes community for many years and is a former member of the board of directors of the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Water Improvement District No. 9 having served in that capacity from 1935 to 1938.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; three sons, Fred and John Hendricks of Blair, Oklahoma, and Frank Blair of Mercedes; three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Reger, Mrs B. T. Parker and Mrs. W. F. Dodson, all of Mercedes; a sister, Mrs. Ellen Rankin of Los Angeles, California.

Pallbearers were J. P. Dawson, B. B. Ballanfant, Walter Hoekstra, H. T. Tidmore, Walter D. Collier, Frank Avant, all of Mercedes.

GEORGE E. HOGAN

PHARR — Funeral services for George E. Hogan, 70, Pharr, who died Thursday at McAllen Municipal Hospital, were held from Kreidler Chapel, McAllen, Saturday afternoon, with burial at Roselawn cemetery.

Hogan came to Pharr about a year ago from Batesville, Ark., to make his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Judge and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson.

Survivors are his wife, of Pharr; two daughters, Mrs. Bryce Ferguson of Pharr, and Mrs. E. W. Hooper, Corpus Christi; and two sons, Captain E. L. Hogan, Fort Robinson, Neb., and George E. Hogan, Big Spring, Texas.

Pallbearers were Frank G. Crow, Stanley Melton, Tom Hartley, D. C. Hogan, Dr. K. J. Scott, M. B. Gore.

CHARLES E. ELLEDGE

SAN BENITO—Funeral services for Charles E. Elledge, 83, of Centerville, Iowa, were conducted Friday night at the Clay Hall chapel. Eledge died Thursday in San Benito at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alex M. Bowie. Rev. Hugh Robertson of the Presbyterian Church officiated. The body was shipped to Centerville for burial. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Bowie, and two sons, Roy of Centerville and Fred of Jerome, Iowa.

BEST XMAS SINCE 1929 IS PREDICTED

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Loss of foreign markets for farm products was rated a trade drawback in some rural areas, although farm income generally was estimated moderately above the 1939 level.

A federal reserve board trade expert said the Christmas turnover may be the best in history on either a dollar or a physical volume basis, judging by department store sales compiled by the board.

Prices Are Low

Retail prices on the whole, it was pointed out, are well below average 1929 prices so that the tonnage volume of trade probably was larger than dollar figures revealed in a comparison with that peak year.

It was the second good year in a row of Christmas business at leading industrial centers. The first war-time factory upturn reached its peak just about the time holiday buying got well started last year.

Seven Are Burned In Home Gas Explosion

PLAINVIEW, Tex. —(AP)— Seven members of a Hale county family were in a hospital here for treatment of severe burns suffered in a gas explosion at their farm home, 26 miles southwest of here.

The injured included: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Redinger, their son, Quentin, their daughter, Mrs. Alice McClain, and the latter's three children.

ASK ENVOYS BE RECALLED

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first secretary and consul at the embassy and Leigh W. Hunt, a second secretary and consul.

U. S. To Agree

The state department accepted the request. (In Washington, Secretary Hull said the three would be sent elsewhere; that the charges would be investigated, although a preliminary investigation does not support them. Hull declined to discuss the Ronald Cross affair.

The German announcement said Mrs. Deegan had supported the unidentified British officer and helped him flee the country; that the two embassy officials were involved in this and that, furthermore, Cross concealed a British secret agent in the embassy for months. This man, it was stated, later was arrested outside the building and confessed to espionage.

At the press conference, the foreign office spokesman charged that United States foreign policy was one of "pinpricks, injury, challenge and moral aggression" against Germany.

On the other hand, he said, the Reich has "exercised restraint to the point of self-effacement" in its dealings with Washington.

SHERIFF ASKS FOR SAFETY

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favorable weather now existing would cut down on the amount of driving to be done in the Valley during the coming week.

Toll High Here

The warning from the Hidalgo officer came at a time when traffic death records for years past have been broken by 1940's toll in the Valley. The 83 deaths to date are divided among two counties—Hidalgo and Cameron, according to records here. Cameron has reported 17 of the deaths and Hidalgo, which has the Valley's heaviest traffic, 66. Out of the latter list, however, 29 are accounted for by the Alamo truck-train collision last March which claimed 29 lives and the unusual four-truck crash near San Manuel in November in which seven persons died. Subtracting these two from the Hidalgo toll, a total of 30 deaths, or more nearly "normal," are listed.

Thus far Starr and Willacy counties have not reported any fatalities for the year.

AIR INVASION IS EXPECTED

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such landings, bringing Nazi aircraft to low altitudes, would put them within range of searchlights and short-range anti-aircraft guns. The Germans, they say, would suffer heavy casualties in the air, be spotted by searchlights and surrounded on landing.

The most probable line of attack was forecast by one well-informed observer as a "sudden and studied attempt" to destroy fighter airdromes so that British Spitfires and Hurricanes would be unable to retain daylight mastery of the air over Britain and the channel.

Simultaneous Attack

After preliminary bombing of hangars, this source said, parachute troops might be dropped at as many as 50 fields at once to hold a landing area and light it for "pancake" landings of troop-carrying Junkers and Focke-Wulf transports.

Following the precedent of Norway and the Netherlands, he added, thousands of troops might be landed to attempt to hold out long enough to destroy all aircraft at air stations while a bridgehead was being established on the English coast free from fighter opposition.

The American Institute of Laundering reports that human hair is stronger than that of any animal.

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Nazis Admit Major Raid On Berlin With Several Civilians Killed

CATHEDRAL IS DAMAGED BY RAF ATTACK

Potsdam Also Is Hit This Week-End

By The Associated Press

BERLIN — British pilots struck twice overnight at Berlin in "a major raid," the Nazi high command announced Saturday, flying over the center of the city and loosing both explosive and fire bombs.

Six persons were killed and 17 injured, a communique reported, and the Dom (Protestant) Cathedral was hit and damaged—to the extent of 1,500,000 marks (about $600,000), said the Reich church ministry.

Fires were set off in the suburbs in the first appearance of the British, said the high command, but on that occasion the raiders were held back by anti-aircraft fire.

They returned, however—"several" of them, it was stated—and moved over the heart of the metropolis. Their bombs were declared to have fallen "particularly" in the eastern part of the city, but with "no military or vital war damage."

The high command accused the raiders of having directed their attack "exclusively . . . against non-military targets."

Reports from the historic town of Potsdam, west of the capital, said three civilians were killed there by a single British plane which dropped explosives and incendiaries.

SCALPER CURB IS PROPOSED

Stringent Laws Seen At Next Session

DALLAS —(AP)— Stringent legislation to curb "scalping" of tickets to football, baseball and other sporting events will be introduced in the 47th Texas legislature in January, State Representative-elect Sam C. Hanna said Saturday.

There is no Texas law prohibiting scalping of tickets, although the federal government exercises some jurisdiction because each ticket bears a federal amusement tax, Hanna said.

He said that instances where scalpers are demanding $15 each for $2.30 tickets to the Cotton Bowl classic between Texas A. & M. and Fordham had been brought to his attention.

Blocks of tickets to the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl were sold only to recognized corporations or companies that wished to give them to employers or customers, and requests for large numbers of tickets, if made by some person unknown to officials, were turned down, Cotton Bowl officials said.

Officer Gets Gift From His Prisoner

RALEIGH, N. C. —(AP)— Last September Gus L. Scott of the state bureau of investigation solved a $1,000 robbery, and his evidence sent a man to prison for four to six years.

This week Scott received a Christmas gift—a hand-tooled, hand-sewn leather shoulder holster with the gold-embossed inscription, "Gus Scott"—from the prisoner, who dubbed the officer a "fair and square guy."

Air Line's Revenues Are Said Increased

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— T. E. Braniff, president of Braniff Airways, Inc., said his company had a total of $1,695,000 in passenger revenue during 1940, an 87.8 per cent increase over last year's $902,540.66.

The report, as of November 30, showed a total of 118,000 passengers flew 37,000,000 revenue passenger miles, as compared with 62,247 passengers who flew 19,815,703 revenue passenger miles a year ago.

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Londoner Booked For Talk On Escape From Air Raids

McALLEN — Rev. G. E. Nord, of London, England, will give a graphic account of his recent escape during the air raids in that city when he speaks at the American Legion Hall here Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p. m.

He has just arrived in McAllen from his home in London. The minister will also give his personal observation of the countries now engaged in war. For 20 years he has traveled through Germany, Russia, the Scandinavian countries, Poland, Austria, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain, in his work as general secretary of the northern European division of Seventh Day Adventist missionary activity in Europe.

The public is invited to attend and hear Rev. Nord's talk.

REV. NORD

Communications To City Are Restored After Quake, Storm

EUREKA, Calif. —(AP)— Communication facilities into Eureka were restored early Saturday after a rain and wind storm, preceded by an earthquake, had swept over this northwestern California area Friday night.

No damage was reported as the result of the quake, which was felt here at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Seismograph records showed that the shock lasted 15 minutes.

Believe Ship Plans Are Taken From Car

DUANESBURG, N. Y.—(AP)—State police said their criminal investigation bureau is investigating theft of plans they "understand" are for "construction of naval vessels" from Russell Keefer, production engineer of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N. J.

Midget Scout Cars May Take Place Of Motorcycles In American Armies

WASHINGTON— (AP) —The army disclosed that the cavalry was testing a new model midget scout car as a possible substitute for motorcycles.

The 1,350-pound vehicles, 3,000 of which have been ordered, originally were developed for the infantry. Each carries three riflemen and their weapons, and can be used also to transport machine guns and ammunition.

The modernized cavalry includes numerous motorcycle units for scouting and communication. A new type motor-tricycle to carry three men also has been designed but not yet acquired by the first cavalry division at Fort Bliss, Tex., or other units. The War Department said the new midget car "seems" to have the answer" to some of the deficiencies of the motorcycle, being "relatively quiet," lightweight and able to carry three men or substantial cargoes.

Mrs. Alice Long Is Dead At Los Vegas

LAS VEGAS, N. M.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice Long, mother of the United States minister to Ecuador and widow of a one-time chief justice of the territory of New Mexico, died at her home here Friday. She was 91 years old.

Mrs. Long had lived in New Mexico since 1886, when her husband, the late Judge E. V. Long, was named chief justice of the territory. The family lived for a time at Santa Fe and then came to Las Vegas.

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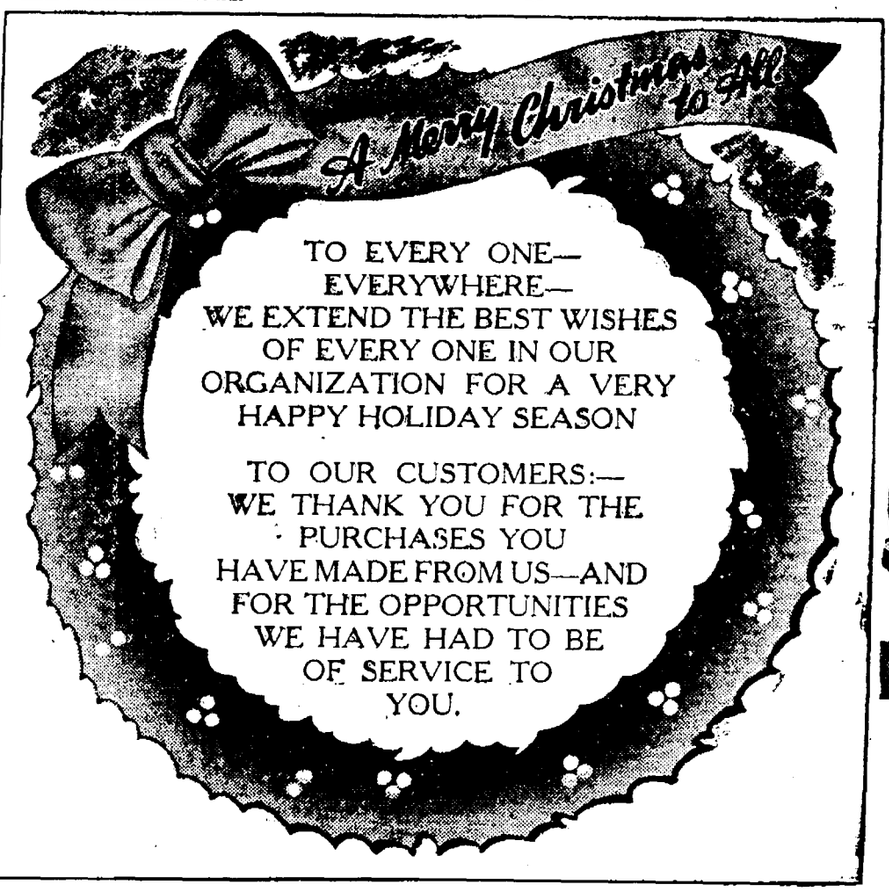

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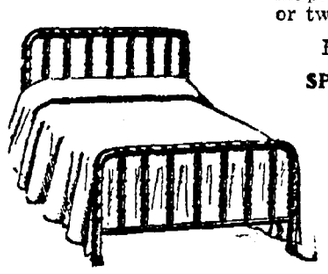

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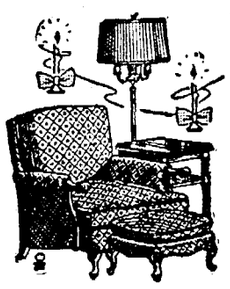

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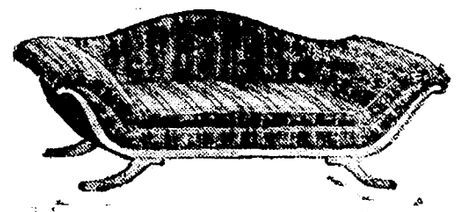

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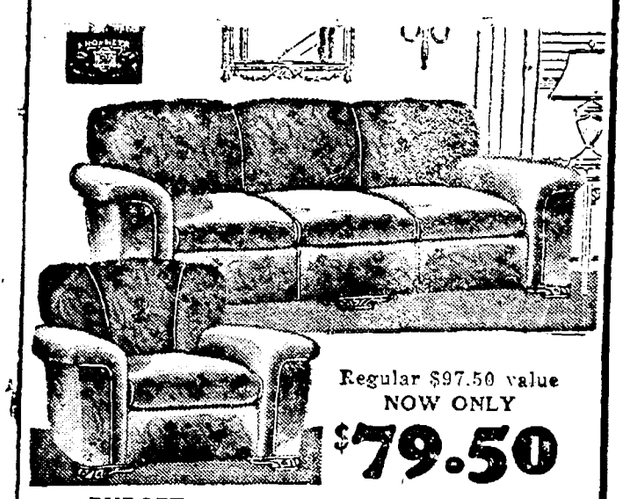

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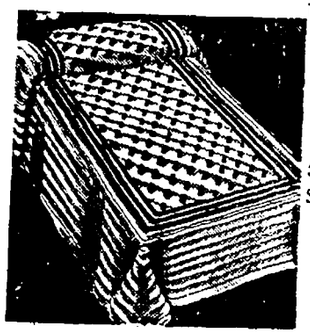

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BUS SERVICE TO CORPUS IS ON NEW ROAD

Two Hours Saved On Coast Route

BROWNSVILLE — The new Kenedy County link of the Hug-The-Coast highway has cut bus service time between Brownsville and Corpus Christi by two hours, according to Harry Roberts, superintendent of Missouri Pacific Transportation Co. here.

With opening of the new road, the distance between Brownsville and Corpus Christi is now 47 miles shorter, and a special "Express" bus makes the run between the two cities in two hours less than buses traveling the old route, Mr. Roberts said.

The "Express" leaves here at 7 a.m. and arrives in Corpus Christi at 11:15 a.m. Formerly, the bus leaving here at 7 a.m. reached Corpus Christi at 1:15 p.m.

New Schedule

On the return trip, the "Express" leaves Corpus Christi at 2 p.m. and arrives here at 6:20 p.m. It formerly arrived here at 8:15 p.m. by the old route.

Other bus runs between here and Corpus Christi will remain the same in order to take care of Upper Valley business, Mr. Roberts said.

An added service in this respect is the new Edinburg-Rivera run, he said.

With two buses a day now traveling the new route to and from Corpus Christi and skipping the Upper Valley, allowances had to be made for handling travelers from that section.

Edinburg Connection

The company runs buses from Edinburg at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, arriving at Rivera at 9:52 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The 8 a.m. bus meets the "Express" on its way to Corpus Christi, and after discharging passengers to the outbound bus it waits at Rivera until the inbound Corpus Christi bus arrives there at 3:30 p.m.

While the 2 p.m. bus from Edinburg is transferring passengers to the Brownsville-bound "Express," the other Edinburg-Rivera bus takes on passengers bound for the Upper Valley and leaves on the old route at 3:32 p.m., arriving here at 8:15 p.m.

The new route followed by the Express buses is Brownsville to Harlingen to Raymondville to Kingsville to Robstown to Corpus Christi.

Freight Train Runs Wild On Raton Pass; Wreck Cleaned Up

RATON, N. M.—(AP)—The main line of the Santa Fe Railway has been cleared of last wreckage of a freight train detailment near Morley, Colo., 16 miles north of here early Friday.

Brakeman William Hand of Raton was recovering here from minor injuries to his back and a foot and cuts about the head.

4 States Organized To Conserve Waters

FORT WORTH.—(AP)—A meeting to be held in Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 10 and 11, to organize a four-state pact for flood control work and soil and water conservation, was announced in Fort Worth by John M. Fouts, general manager of the Trinity Improvement Association.

Fouts said the four states involved are Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

Opening meeting will be presided over by R. E. Overman of Little Rock, chairman of the Arkansas state flood control commission.

Canal Air Defense Is Said To Be Poor

NEW YORK — (AP) — Rep. Fred Bradley (R-Mich.), one of 12 congressmen returning from a trip to the Panama Canal, declared that there "was not a modern bomber in the zone."

"If the administration considers it such a vital place to guard," he said, "why doesn't it do something to protect the zone with up-to-date aircraft? If there are any modern bombers there, they are so pitifully few that we didn't see them. I was told the fastest airplane there was capable of only 140 miles an hour."

Appointments Seen As Sign Of Unrest

SHANGHAI—(AP)—Japanese Premier Prince Konoye's appointment of new Japanese ministers of justice and home affairs is believed by Shanghai observers to have been motivated largely by the Japanese people's increasing uneasiness over their government's military alliance with Italy and Germany.

Dissatisfaction with Japan's commitments has been gaining momentum since early this month, and reports were current two weeks ago that the Konoye government might fall as a result.

Baby Smothered In Bed With Parents

DALLAS—(AP)—James Lynn Cantrell, 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Cantrell, was found dead while sleeping with his parents Saturday, and Justice of the Peace Lewis Sterrett returned a verdict of accidental death due to smothering.

He will be buried in Denison Sunday.

Chairman Dies Ill At Home With Flu

ORANGE, Tex.—(AP)—Rep. Martin Dies (D-Tex.), chairman of a House committee investigating un-American activities, was ill at his home here with influenza.

Christmas Story As We'd Tell It

Discovery Of New Star By Magi Astronomers Is Reported

Third of six daily articles retelling the story of the first Christmas as a modern newspaper man might have given the reports as they came in.

PHILADELPHIA (Rabbath Ammon) Dec. 22—The ancient prophecies that a Messiah is to appear in troubled Judea were recalled here today by citizens excited by reports concerning three mysterious strangers who paused recently in Philadelphia.

The three, who kept to themselves, stopped overnight with their caravans.

They said little to those who camped near them on the route to Jericho and Jerusalem, but caravaneers observed they kept a close watch on the midnight skies. Apparently they were of the school of the Magi.

A Long Trip

Observers noted that they wore the yellow undergarments of the profession of astronomers and they seemed to have come a long distance.

Their caravan included swift camels, and the three camels the Magi rode were of kingly stature. They also were notable for their color, being almost pure albinos.

The camel drivers of a caravan adjoinig the Magi's in the Philadelphia camp were awakened near dawn by excited voices. The Magi were outside their tents. One pointed to the sky and the three of them talked enthusiastically with many gesticulations.

Almost Unnoticed

The camel drivers said there was an unusually brilliant star on the horizon that faded, as they watched it, with the dawn.

The incident would have passed unnoticed, perhaps, except that one of the drivers mentioned it in the market place and someone remarked that here was a happening that had to do with the prophesied coming of the Messiah.

"This is confirmed," said he, "by my friend the camel driver, who reported that he overheard a remark by these three Magi that concerned a new 'King of the Jews'."

The Three Magi and the Star: An Artist's Conception

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The three Magi moved westward from Philadelphia, toward Jerusalem.

COAST LABOR ROW HALTED

Longshoremen Agree To Contract

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Pacific Coast stevedore labor problems apparently have been solved for a critical period of the national defense program by the signing of a new two-year working agreement.

Meeting under conditions just a little short of back-slapping friendliness—a strange situation on the often embattled waterfront—representatives of the Waterfront Employers' Association and the CIO longshoremen put their names to a contract covering 13,000 men.

An employers' spokesman, L. A. Lapham, said shipowners were satisfied with the terms.

Harry R. Bridges, CIO longshoremen's president, called it a good contract for both sides and said it represented a fundamental gain for the union in that workers were given protection against money and employment losses although employers were permitted to introduce labor-saving devices.

Soviets Critical Of Roosevelt Aid Plan

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Soviet army newspaper "Red Star" said President Roosevelt's new plan to aid British was designed "to guarantee the interests of American capitalism."

"Under the banner of 'Help England'," the paper declared, "the White House has designed a whole system of combined measures directed at consolidating the position of the United States in the struggle of the imperialistic powers for a share of the world."

Italians Reiterate Sinking Of Cruiser

ROME—(AP)—Italian officials said a British cruiser reported sunk off the port of Bardia early in the fighting along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier still could be seen lying on the bottom of the sea.

An official statement said the ship was a cruiser of about 6,000 tons—presumably of the Arethusa or Lenter type.

National Guardsmen Home For Holidays

PALACIOS, Tex.—(AP)—Some 2,000 Camp Hulen National Guardsmen from Missouri, New Hampshire and Massachusetts left here for 10-day home furloughs—their first "home leaves" since induction last September.

Two special trains carried the men. One contained Missourians of the 203rd Coast Artillery; 197th and 211th Coast Artillerymen from New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

There are more than 350,000 American boys enrolled in agricultural high schools supported by the Smith-Hughes act.

Roger W. Babson Says

America Should Have Happiest Christmas On Earth; Living Standard Higher, And Future Looms Bright

By ROGER W. BABSON

PHILADELPHIA—Our people demand more than those of any other nation on earth. Our standards of living are the highest in the world. Few of our people will go hungry over the holiday season. Wages and pay rolls are up, unemployment is decreasing. Our dollar has been devaluated, but it still buys more necessities and luxuries of life than any other currency.

A Worker's Paradise

The average American factory worker on his wage per hour can purchase approximately 7.5 pounds of bread; 1.6 pounds of butter; 2.1 pounds of beef; 35.1 pounds of potatoes; 2.6 pounds of coffee. In Germany, an average worker's hourly wage buys only 2.5 pounds of bread; 0.5 of a pound of butter; 0.9 of a pound of beef; 20.5 pounds of potatoes; 0.3 of a pound of coffee.

The American worker's wage buys 9.78 pounds of these five essential foodstuffs. The German worker can buy only 4.94 pounds. The bread, butter, beef, and coffee which is used in Germany, we would not recognize. Potatoes are potatoes the world over; but in Germany sawdust is being mixed with flour; oleomargarine is a substitute for butter; horses, dogs, cats, and foxes are legalized substitutes for beef; and chicory is the name for coffee.

Food Abundant Here

Coffee is a drug on the U. S. market. Sugar, flour, rice, and vegetables are extremely cheap. There has been a rise in the cost of meat and some canned goods. But, the average price of foodstuffs is today below the 1935-39 average and way below 1929. Rents, clothing, furniture, and fuel are slightly higher than the 1935-39 average; but only moderately so. The retail price of gasoline, on the other hand, is at its lowest in years. We, here in America, with only 6 per cent of the world's population, own 72 per cent of the world's automobiles, 49 per cent of its telephones, and 47 per cent of its radios. In the ownership of furniture, jewels, rugs, and homes, we also outstrip all other nations.

In any recent month, food prices may show a moderately rise of, say, 1 per cent or less. When compared with the corresponding month of 1939, there is either no change or prices are lower. Food costs remain slightly under the 1939-40 peak reached during June and July. This is because the surpluses of wheat, corn, pork, lard, and other commodities are still extremely large. With our export trade declining, there is little chance of reducing these stocks. For a long time to come, unless the war ends abruptly, we will have these foodstuffs to consume or to give away.

Run-Away Markets Out Of Style

Inevitably rising living costs accompany an increase in industrial production. The old law of supply and demand is still working. As the demand for housing facilities increases, so rents rise. With higher wages, people spend more for luxury goods. Even when raw materials for luxury goods are curtailed, luxury demand increases and prices of such goods necessarily rise. Facilities exist to curb rising prices except in instances where they are orderly. This is important from the administration's point of view in connection with the defense program. There must be no run-away markets in either raw materials or foodstuffs.

Actual government ownership of certain commodities, as in the present case of cotton and wheat, can be used to steady prices. Large stocks of these and other commodities will be thrown upon the market at the first signs of dangerous inflation. Thus, attempts to raise prices can be counteracted. In the raw materials picture, much can likewise be done. In World War 1 the war industries board successfully kept down the price of copper. This was accomplished through conferences with a group of large producers. In our present situation, if producers attempted to raise prices much over present figures, the copper tariff could also be taken off.

Remember that government bonds have, to date, been purchased largely by banks and insurance companies. A drive could be put on to force individuals to buy these securities. This would put money into the federal till and keep it out of the grocery, department stores, and jewelry shops. Thus, an abnormal demand for necessity and luxury goods would dry up and prices would not run away.

Five Days To Christmas

You will not hear from me again until the Sunday after Christmas. Hence, I cannot close this week's column without wishing my readers and the publishers of this paper a Very Merry Christmas. This is really no time for weighty discussions. Rather, it is a time for shopping and a time to get the household ready for Christmas Day. It will, I hope, be a Happy Christmas for wage workers and employers, for parents and children. Surely, here in America, we have much for which to be thankful. I do not have to mention what Christmas Day may bring to the people of many other lands. It is fitting that, in the midst of our own happiness and peace, we should offer a fervent prayer that they, too, may soon again celebrate Christmas as the Prince of Peace would wish.

JUDGES GROOM NEW STATUTES

Committee Studying 4 Proposed Laws

AUSTIN—(AP)—Legislative and executive committees of the County Judges and Commissioners Association Saturday began shaping recommendations for presentation to the new legislature meeting January 14.

The two groups named sub-committees to report at a state-wide meeting in Austin January 23 on these proposals:

Re-enactment of the road bond assumption law with an amendment requiring counties that participate in the lateral road account to apply their funds to retiring county road debts.

Incorporation of the road bond law with the proposed amendment into the state constitution.

Amending the constitution so as to permit counties to apply surpluses in other funds to county general fund which officials said was heavily burdened because of a 25-cent constitutional tax limitation.

Providing a state administered agency for certifying WPA and relief eligibles.

Members of the highway commission and the board of county and district road indebtedness will be invited to meet with the association January 23.

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FELONS PLEAD FOR CLEMENCY

7 Escapees Want To Join Free French

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Facing deportation next month to Martinique and fearful of death before a firing squad, seven escapees from France's Devil's Island prison renewed their pleas Saturday for freedom and a chance to fight in the forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

The men, with a companion who is in the U. S. hospital at Key West, made their way to Miami August 24 in a 30-foot sloop after a perilous voyage through the Caribbean. They have been held in Dade county jail.

Friday they received the news that the coast guard cutter Unalga would take them some time in January, with 20 other escaped prisoners now in Puerto Rico, back to French-controlled Martinique.

"We are being sent to our deaths by a firing squad," said Jean Touzin, 43, of Vichy, a veteran of the French World War navy.

"We didn't intend to enter the United States. We were arrested and held here. And now the United States is sending us to sure death."

If they are freed, the men have promised to enlist with De Gaulle's "Free French" forces or with the British.

Lone British Plane Bombs German City

POTSDAM, Germany — (AP) — A lone British plane, dropping explosives and fire bombs in a raid Friday night on this historic town west of Berlin, was reported by DNB, German news agency, to have killed three civilians.

Birthday Of Stalin Passes Unobserved

MOSCOW —(AP)— Joseph Stalin's 61st birthday anniversary passed Saturday without formal observance. A year ago it was celebrated.

There was no mention of the birthday in Saturday's press.

Whether Suspected Triple Killer Will Be Returned Still Mystery

Report Of Los Ebanos Man's Capture At Camargo Are Yet Unconfirmed; Fortuna Case Experience Recalled

EDINBURG—Hidalgo county officials, including those in both the sheriff's and district attorney's offices, were reticent toward voicing an opinion Saturday on the possibility of returning to Texas for trial a man reported to be held by Mexican officers at Camargo in connection with the deaths last Sunday night of three persons in a burst of gunfire at a Los Ebanos beer tavern.

Reports were received early this week that rurales at Camargo had captured the man, believed to be a relative of at least one of the three men slain when a mysterious gunman poked his weapon into a window at the cantina and blasted away. A fourth man escaped with a bullet wound in the knee while a fifth fell to the floor and was unhurt.

Sheriff R. T. (Bob) Daniel's office announced no official confirmation had been received of the arrest at Camargo, opposite Rio Grande City, and only a short distance across the river from Los Ebanos, which is south of Sullivan City in western Hidalgo county.

District Attorney Tom Hartley said his office's investigation of the case had not progressed to the point where the state department at Washington would ask for extradiction of the suspect at Camargo. In even the U. S. did request extradition, as may be urged by the district attorney, the Mexican government would have the right to grant or refuse the plea.

Hartley pointed out that only one other case in recent years was similar. That involved Samuel Fortuna, Mexican border character who slew Deputy Sheriff George Dennett of McAllen from ambush near the river four years ago. Fortuna was captured by officers under Colonel Tiburcio Garza Zamora of Reynosa but was not returned to the U. S. He was subsequently imprisoned under a 20-year sentence, according to local reports.

Fortuna, however, was a Mexican citizen and an alien in the U. S. at the time of Dennett's death. The suspect in the Los Ebanos triple slaying is known to be an American citizen.

Pending further developments, officers have not divulged his name, nor have any charges been filed heer as yet.

Nazi Party Members Jailed In Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary—(AP)—Sixteen members of the Nazi Arrow Cross party, including Deputy Karoly Wirth, were convicted of plotting to kidnap Regent Admiral Nicholas Horthy and install a Nazi regime for Hungary.

They were sentenced to prison terms. Wirth receiving the greatest—four and a half years. The formal charge was lese majesty, a crime again the sovereign.

Continental Extends Louisiana Oil Field

PONCA CITY, Okla.—(AP)—The Continental Oil Company announced it had extended the Villeplatte Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, approximately one mile southwest with the completion of the Evangeline Securities Co. No. 1 well.

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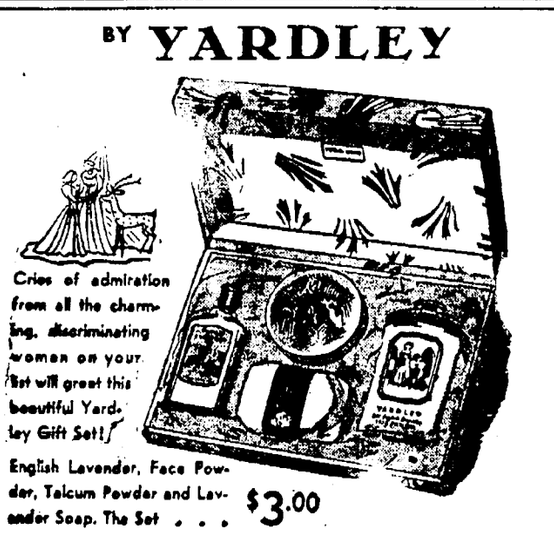

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VALLEY 'WAR' ON SPEEDERS TO CONTINUE

Hidalgo Patrol Check 'Death Trap'

EDINBURG—The Hidalgo county highway patrol's war on speeders near the San Manuel "death trap," where nine persons have been killed in a recent span of 34 days in a series of three crashes, swept ahead Saturday.

Five drivers were arrested near San Manuel early last week and charged with speeding, and County Patrolmen Walter Lysinger and Harris Cozby announced Saturday that several additional cases had been filed.

J. B. Jordan of Potect paid a fine of $5 and costs ($14) before Justice of the Peace J. Loy Ramsour here Saturday on a speeding charge resulting from the patrolmen's new work to slow down traffic near San Manuel. His case was not scheduled for trial until Monday.

Robert Otto Fischer of McAllen paid a fine of $1 and costs ($10) on a charge of speeding near the same place.

Two cases scheduled for trial Monday before Judge Ramsour in Edinburg, are speeding charges against John McGrew of Falfurrias and T. C. Johnston of Houston.

Francisco Guerra of Premont, charged with driving without clearance lights near San Manuel, was fined $1 and costs ($10) by Judge Ramsour Saturday morning.

Lysinger said one of the several arrests of the past week were made after he clocked a passenger car traveling 68 miles an hour along the highway near San Manuel in a driving rain.

Bond Forfeited

$500 La Cross Surety To Be Claimed

EDINBURG — District Judge Rogers Blalock ordered Saturday the forfeiture of a $500 bond posted for C. M. La Cross, formerly of McAllen and now of Corpus Christi, who failed to appear in 92nd district court here for trial on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Judge Blalock was sitting for Judge Bryce Ferguson on the criminal district bench.

La Cross' sureties, Wade Bliss and M. L. Paden of Edinburg, have until the next term of court to show cause why the forfeiture should not be executed. La Cross was understood here to have moved to Corpus Christi several weeks ago. His trial has been called on five different dates but at each instance was postponed because of technicalities.

Shary Plays Santa To 600 Kiddies In Schools At Mission

MISSION—More than 600 youngsters in Mission and Sharyland received or will receive Christmas treats as the gift of John H. Shary, Mission developer and capitalist, in parties held or to be held at four schools.

Following a custom he established several years ago, Shary presented bags of Christmas candies, nuts and fruits to students in the main and North Sharyland school units Friday afternoon. Monday at closing exercises in the St. Paul's Guadalupe Catholic parish schools in Mission, all students will receive similar gifts. A total of 625 children are included in the huge gift list.

Mission Sets Dance For Tourists Here

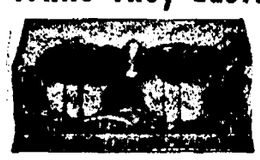
MISSION — Swing and square dances will be mixed when the All-Valley Tourist Dance will be given Monday night, December 30, at Legion hall, when the tourist committee of the Mission Chamber of Commerce will be hosts.

Tourists staying in all Valley cities are invited to attend the party, the chairman, W. B. Thornton, Jr., said. There will be no charge and all bona fide tourists are urged to attend as guests of the Mission chamber.

TO VISIT IN AUSTIN

HARLINGEN — Mrs. Joe Wood and sons, Barry and Terry, are going to Austin for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Wood's mother.

While They Last!



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Modern And Ancient 'Madonna And Child'

Baby Jean Gauntt, for whom a group of metaphysicians sought to attain immortality, gets a hug from her mother, Catherine, after her return to her New York home. The metaphysicians installed her in a mansion 15 months ago, planning to rear her in the belief that illness and death are caused by destructive thinking. Now, they explained, her parents want her back.

This "Madonna and Child," by Raffaelino del Garbo, was stolen from the University of Texas College of Mines museum at El Paso. It was one of five paintings loaned to the El Paso Junior League from the private collection of Samuel H. Kress, the chain store merchant. Kress has declined to evaluate the painting.

VALLEY PRESS MEETS FRIDAY

D. F. Strickland To Be Main Speaker

MISSION—Featured speakers at the Valley Press Association meeting scheduled for Friday night, December 27, will be Judge D. F. Strickland of Mission and E. W. Franke of San Benito, it was announced in Mission Saturday by Joe T. Cook, president of the press unit. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock at the Cortez Hotel in Weslaco. Ty Cobb, Weslaco, radio news commentator, has arranged the program.

Judge Strickland, prominent South Texas attorney, will speak on "The Price of Public Service." Franke is district manager of the Central Power and Light Company. His topic was not announced.

For the past three months, the association has been publishing the Valley Press Bulletin, carrying news of the printing and publishing industry of the Valley. Si Cassady, editor of the Valley Evening Monitor, McAllen, is editor for the December issue.

Officers of the association this year are Joe T. Cook, editor of the Mission Times, serving his second term as president; Bishop Clements, editor of the Edinburg Valley Review, vice president; Tom Phillips, publisher of the Santa Rosa Signal, secretary; T. E. Thompson, publisher of the San Juan Sentinel, treasurer. Directors are Cook, R. H. Fackelman, publisher of the Willacy County Chronicle, Raymondville; and Gordon Keithley, business manager of the Weslaco News. Sherwood Bishop, Brownsville, is advisory director.

Xmas Baskets

Donations Must Be In Monday Night

McALLEN—Lee D. Rowe, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board, said Saturday that all those who wished to donate funds for Christmas baskets which will be given to McAllen's needy must be received by 6 p.m. Monday.

Rowe said the money must be in by that time because the baskets must be made up Monday night and Tuesday for distribution Christmas morning.

Paving Project At McAllen Is Ordered

McALLEN—No property owners appeared to protest a paving project on Eleventh street from Ash to Hackberry avenue in the hearing held by the city commission Friday afternoon, so an ordinance was passed ordering the work done and property owners assessed. The Works Projects Administration will share in the cost.

BACK FROM IOWA

SAN JUAN — Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Doedyns have returned home after two weeks in Iowa. They were accompanied home by Miss Hattie Hospers of Pella, Iowa, who will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Doedyns and her husband.

Grow Beard, Young Man Is Edict Of Brush Court For Charro Days

BROWNSVILLE—Royal decrees of the Court of the Brush, and proclamations from City Hall have now come forth to the effect that the adult males of Brownsville shall start growing their Charro Days beards immediately after midnight, December 25, and not before then.

Mayor Royce Russell issued a proclamation from the city, pronouncing the bearded days as the period from December 25 through February 23, the end of Charro Days.

And from A. A. (Daddy) Hargrove, Grand Brush of the Court of the Brush, came an official decree to the same effect.

However, prosecuting under this act will not start until January 1, Hargrove said.

"The court will be merciless on those who start growing beards before December 25," Grand Brush Hargrove said. "There is no excuse for it.

Some Fancy Beards

"As a matter of fact the date usually set is January 1. However, since there are some amongst us whose beards tend to grow in a straggly, puny, or misdirected way, and so that these fellow citizens with good intentions but poor beards may make a fair showing, we have permitted the growing to start immediately after Christmas Day.

"Anyone not starting a beard before January 1 will be considered as a braggart, but will not be prosecuted. Anybody not starting one on January 1 will be considered as a slacker and social outcast, and the Court of the Brush shall consider itself duty bound to give him the works."

The proclamations issued by the mayor and the Court of the Brush follows:

A Proclamation

Whereas the growth of sturdy and manly beards by the adult males of Brownsville contribute in a large measure to the success of Charro Days Fiesta, and,

Whereas the appearance of small, scrubby or scrawny beards upon our males during Charro Days would be taken as an indication that our soil is not fertile and our climate not healthy, and therefore would be a reflection on our Valley, and,

Whereas the careful growth and cultivation of a creditable beard requires a period of at least eight weeks on the average male, I, mayor of the city of Brownsville, do hereby proclaim December 25, 1940, as the last day during which the adult male citizen of Brownsville should have their faces clean, and call upon them to set forth after that day upon a career of beard growing that will reflect credit during the Charro Days Fiesta of 1941, and,

I likewise call upon the mayors of our neighboring cities in the Valley to issue similar proclamations.

Royce Russell,
Mayor of Brownsville.

Court Of The Brush

Hear Ye, All Charros!

By virtue of authority vested in me by the Charro Days Court of the Brush, I hereby decree that any and all Charros, and by that term is meant any adult male of Brownsville, shall cease and desist from clean shaving of their faces from and after midnight, December 25, 1940, until the end of Charro Days, midnight, February 23, 1941.

Herein fail not on penalty of a fine, or imprisonment, or general manhandling, or any or all of these, upon appearance on the streets of Brownsville between said dates.

Enforcement of this decree shall be instituted by the Court of the Brush on and after January 1, 1940, and any male having nothing worthwhile to show for his efforts up to that time walks abroad at his own peril.

It is furtheromre decreed that any male citizen of any other Valley city or any winter resident of the Valley choosing to abide by this decree shall be admitted into to Court of the Brush and shall share equally in the profits thereof.

Herein Fail Not.

A. A. (Daddy) Hargrove,
Grand Brush.

POLICEMEN SELL * * * * * YULE TREES FOR * * * * * STRICKEN OWNER

LYNN, Mass. — (AP) — Joseph Brown of Brooks, Me., is convinced that Lynn policemen have the real Christmas spirit.

Stricken with appendicitis after bringing a truckload of Christmas trees here, Brown was taken to a hospital for an operation. The police knew he wouldn't be out until after Christmas, so they sold the trees for $26, took the money to Brown and wished him a "Merry Christmas."

Judging Set Friday For Mission Lights

MISSION—Judges for the Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest sponsored by the Mission Chamber of Commerce will judge entries in all three divisions Friday night, December 27, it was announced this week by Jack Drake, chamber manager. J. F. Ewers, chairman of the committee, will be assisted by W. G. Morris and D. W. Cott, who complete the committee.

Entries in the contest must register with the chamber of commerce not later than 5 p. m. Tuesday, December 24. Awards total $45, divided equally in three sections for residential, rural and business districts.

Candlelight Service Set For San Benito

SAN BENITO—A special musical program is scheduled for the candlelight vesper service at 5:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Christian church. The "Story of Christ" will be presented in the form of Christmas carols by the choir arranged by Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Schurman. The sermon at the morning service will be "No Room in the Inn" and the choir will sing the anthem, "The Lord Is Come" by Holton.

FOUR DRAFTEE CLASSES TOLD

Groups Outlined To Clear Up Doubts

MISSION—Classification of registrants under the selective service system has caused confusion among registrants who do not have a clear idea of what each classification means, clerks at the Hidalgo County Draft Board No. 2, in Mission, said. Many registrants report back to the draft board headquarters asking for further information after their classification has been made.

In order to make clear exactly what each classification means, an outline of each class has been released for the benefit of the registrants. It is listed below:

Class I

Class I-A—Available, fit for general military service.

Class I-B—Member of the land or naval forces of the United States.

Class I-D—Student fit for military service; available not later than July 1, 1941.

Class I-E—Student fit only for limited military service; available not later than July 1, 1941.

Class II

Class II-A—Man necessary in his civilian capacity.

Class III

Class III-A—Man with dependents.

Class IV

Class IV-A—Man with completed service.

Class IV-B—Official deferred by law.

Class IV-C—Minister of religion or divinity student.

Class IV-E—Conscientious objector available only for civilian work of national importance.

Class IV-F—Physically, mentally or morally unfit.

Xmas Party Closes Sharyland Schools

SHARYLAND—A Christmas program was presented by representatives of each of the 11 grades in the main Sharyland school unit Friday afternoon as a special assembly program marked the closing of school for the Christmas holidays. Classes will re-convene Monday, January 6, after a full two weeks' holiday.

In each home room at the school, a Christmas tree was held and gifts were exchanged. Students received gift bags of candies, fruit and nuts from John H. Shary.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

EDCOUCH—Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Shepherd and son, Clovis, will entertain as their holiday guests Mr and Mrs. Glen Dowlen and small sons, Canyon, Curtis Shepherd, Canyon, and M. D. Shepherd of Silverton.

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CHRISTMAS GUESTS

EDCOUCH — Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dixon and son and daughter of Geneva, Ohio, have arrived to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poignee and children and Mrs. Ethel Dixon.

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PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—(AP)—A friend suggested to Cecil Neal that he could have a beautifully frosted Christmas tree by water-spraying the fir outside his home and then allowing it to freeze.

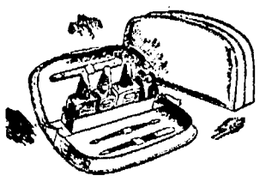
But Neal forgot to turn off the spray and temperatures tumbled. Result: There is a veritable mountain of ice where the tree stood, but Neal can't find the tree.

$2 FINE ASSESSED

McALLEN—O. Z. Given Johnson was fined $2 in city court Saturday for driving without lights. A $10 fine for being drunk in a public place was also assessed against another defendant.

Peggy Sage

"SKYFARER"



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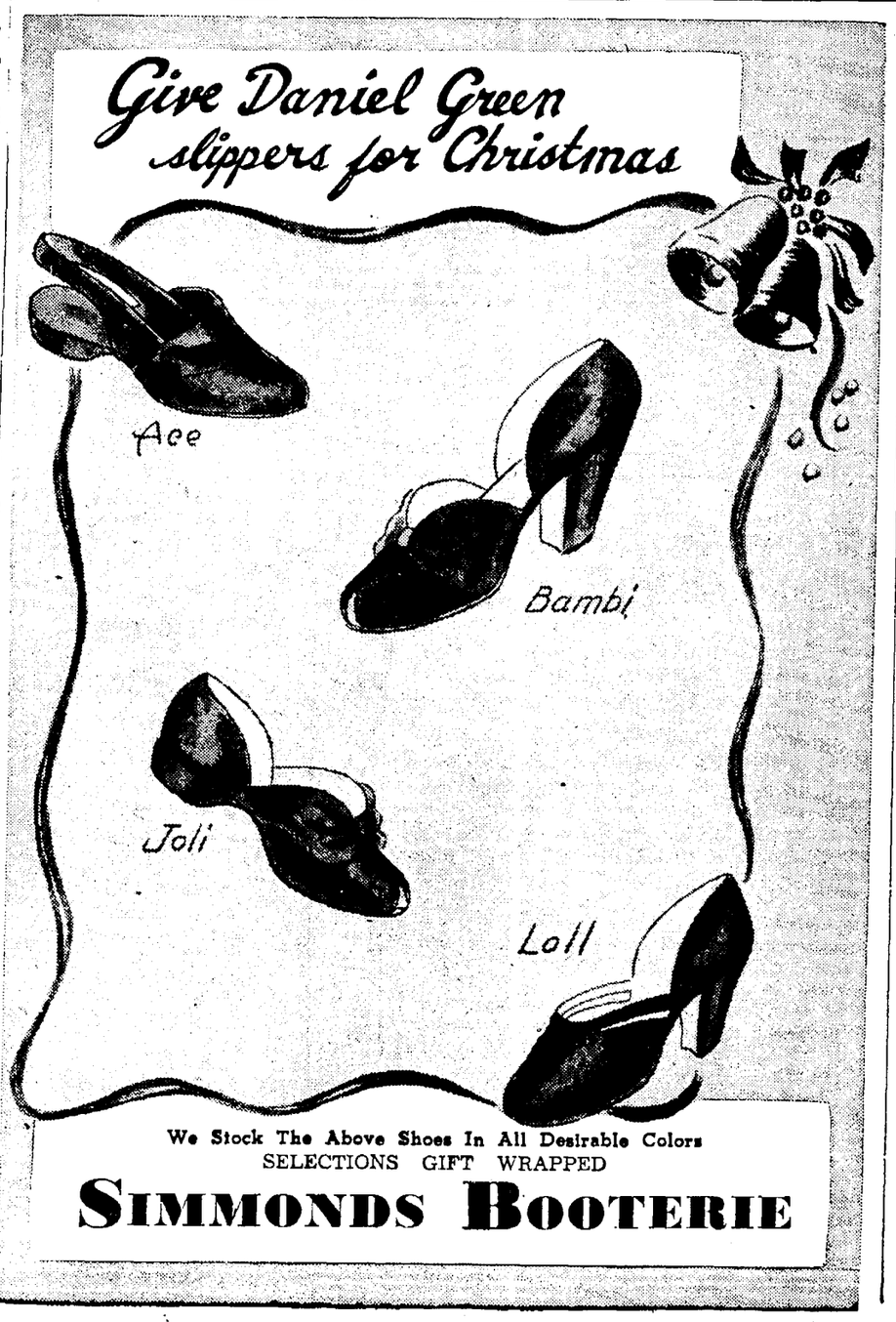

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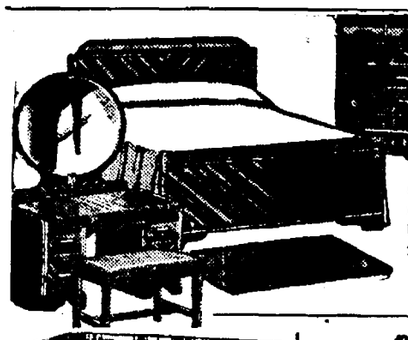

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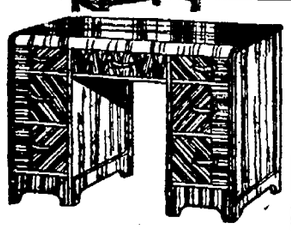

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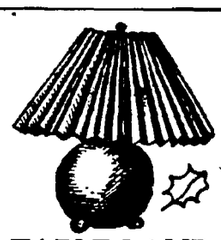

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MP INSPECTS PORT ISABEL RAILS SWITCH

Rains Won't Delay Slated Change

BROWNSVILLE—C. S. Kirkpatrick of Houston, chief engineer of the Missouri Pacific railroad, spent Saturday at Port Isabel inspecting preparations for the switch-over of the old Port Isabel and Rio Grande Valley Railway to the Missouri Pacific interests.

Although heavy rain in the Valley the past few days has hampered laying of 3.6 miles of track between Abney and so connect Port Isabel with the San Benito line, the switch-over will be made on schedule at midnight December 31, Mr. Kirkpatrick said.

Approximately one mile of the necessary track has been laid, and all grading for the rail connection has been completed, chief engineer said.

The PI and RGV Railroad, founded in 1872, is the oldest operating railroad in South Texas. Missouri Pacific acquired the railway recently and decided to take out the Brownsville-Port Isabel line and replace it with a direct Port Isabel-San Benito line.

Acquisition of the railway gave Missouri Pacific a direct connection with Port of Brownsville.

Kirkpatrick said he would return to his Houston headquartetrs Saturday night and would remain there until after Christmas, returning here before December 31.

Reserve Officer Honored By Club

McALLEN — At an impromptu luncheon Saturday, members of the Kiwanis club honored Dr. I. J. Berk, called to duty January 5 in army service at Fort Clark. Dr. Berk is the first member of the civic club called.

Approximately 35 members who were present made brief speeches, with Berk as their main subject. The club presented him a traveling bag as a farewell gift.

Dr. Berk was scheduled to leave Sunday for a vacation visit in Florida and Havana before reporting for duty. He holds a captain's ranking in the army reserve corps.

Library's Building Fund Hiked By $25

SAN BENITO—The building fund of the San Benito Library and Community Center, now under construction, was increased $25 Saturday when a check for that amount was received by the chamber of commerce as an award won by San Benito's representative in the style show at the Weslaco Birthday celebration. The entry, Miss Betty Swan Lockmiller, was sponsored by the San Benito Women's Council in cooperation with the chamber of commerce. The gown worn by Miss Lockmiller was designed and made by Mrs. Bill Duncan.

San Benito Reserve Will Take Training

SAN BENITO — Second Lieut. Fred Booth of Company M, Texas National Guard, has received orders to report for special training at Fort Benning, Georgia, in rifle and heavy weapons. He will leave Thursday for the three months training and is to report for duty on his return to Texas at Camp Bowie at Brownwood with Company M.

All except 18 members of the company are on special Christmas leave which began at noon Saturday until 6 a. m. Thursday. The unit has not yet received definite travel orders to move to Camp Bowie.

Tip Toppers Dance Planned On Dec. 28

MISSION—Invitations have been posted to college and young married sets in the Upper Valley for a holiday dance to be given by the Mission Tip Toppers Saturday, December 28, at the Casa de Palmas in McAllen. The guest list is limited to 100 couples and the invitations ask that the cards be presented at the door. Script will be one dollar per couple, plus the tax.

In charge of the arrangements for the party are Miss Betty Davenport, chairman; Miss Frances Thompson, Mrs. John W. Griffin, and Mrs. James Wood, president.

Officers Of Bridge Club Are Selected

McALLEN—Mrs. J. E. Marsden was elected president of the Contract Bridge club organized Friday by winter visitors and tourists. Mrs. L. G. O'Toole was named playing director.

Special lessons for those wishing to learn contract will start after the holidays. Mrs. W. H. Perry, Mrs. William E. Gerke and O. B. Emerson reported for the nominating committee. The auction bridge players are expected to organize immediately after the holidays.

Aged Woman Dies As Auto Is Overturned

BRYAN, Tex.—(AP)—Miss Hayden Baugh, about 60, believed to be from Los Angeles, died in a Bryan hospital from injuries received when her car overturned near Hearne Saturday morning.

Hearne police found an address, 5222 Liveoak View Avenue, Los Angeles, in Miss Baugh's effects.

Two soldiers riding with the woman sustained minor injuries.

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Reynosa Officers Invited To Fete

REYNOSA, Tamps., Mexico—For the first time in the history of the Texas Citrus Fiesta, scheduled for presentation in Mission in January, Queen Citrianna, who reigns over the Fiesta each year, made a personal visit to Mexico to invite Reynosa civil and military officials to participate in the big show. Here are pictured Miss Jane Weinert of Donna, center of front row, as she greeted Reynosa civil and military officials in the center of the new Hidalgo-Reynosa international bridge only a few hours after the last planking of the bridge was laid. Standing in the front row are, left to right, Ramiro Rodriguez of the Valley Bridge Co., J. Franklin Ewers, member of the Mission Chamber of Commerce board of directors, sponsors of the Fiesta; on Miss Weinert's right is Gen. Pedro Lopez Tafoya, commander of the Sixth Mexican Military Zone, and on her left is Lieut.-Col. Salvador Biramontes C.

BRIDGE FETE IS POSTPONED

Government Quarters May Be Improved

McALLEN — Official ceremonies formally opening the reconstructed international bridge between Hidalgo and Reynosa scheduled for Sunday afternoon have been postponed until the weather clears, Valley Bridge Company officials announced Saturday.

Civic and military officials of both Reynosa and McAllen were to take part in the ceremonies. The parking lot near the bridge was covered with seven inches of water Saturday morning and continued rain forced the postponement, the officials said.

They also announced that plans have been prepared for submission to the United States government for improvement in the buildings which house the customs and immigration services at the north end of the span.

The bridge company is ready to start construction as soon as an agreement has been reached, the officials said.

The suspension structure was reopened to traffic last Sunday, December 15.

Faculty At La Joya Stages Xmas Party

LA JOYA—Gifts of Christmas candies and nuts were presented to 500 students of La Joya school Friday afternoon as a holiday gift from members of the faculty at the closing of school for the Christmas vacations. Schools of the Tabasco district, of which the La Joya unit is the central school, will re-convene Thursday, January 2.

Home room programs and an assembly when students sang Christmas carols were othetr features Friday afternoon at the La Joya school after the final classes were dismissed at noon.

Suit For $23,000 Damages Is Filed

EDINBURG—Damages of $23,000 are asked by C. O. Watson, Edinburg citrus grower, in a suit filed in civil district court Saturday against Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement district No. 1, which serves the Edinburg and North McAllen areas. The suit alleges damage to 40 acres of land three miles north of the courthouse here on U. S. Highway 281. Watson contends the damage occurred from continuous canal overflows.

Saturday May Have Been Officially First Day Of Winter But Weather Has Been Wintry For At Least Six Weeks

CHICAGO—(AP)—The almanac says it was the first day of winter Saturday.

Practically the entire country, however, has known about winter for at least six weeks. Armistice Day had terrific wind and snow storms. A sub-zero Arctic wave in the north, floods, in Texas, followed early in December.

Nevertheless the winter solstice began at 5:55 p. m. (CST) Saturday. It was also the shortest day of the year.

Contrarily, the first day of winter arrived with mild temperatures over most of the nation, Forecaster H. A. Downs said. It was morde than 25 degrees above normal, for example, in Montana and North Dakota, with a high of 56 at Great Falls, Mont.

Downs said it would continue mild over the week-end in the mid west. A change to somewhat colder weather was due early next week but, he added, there appeared to be little chance of new snow for a white Christmas. It may rain, instead, Christmas Day.

LOCAL MAN IS LOW BIDDER

Lockhart In Line For Brownsville Job

BROWNSVILLE — John Lockhart, Harlingen contractor, was low bidder on a new Jones Transfer Co., Inc., warehouse project here with a bid of $9,600 according to Woolridge and Torres, Brownsville, architects for the job.

Work will start after the first of the year, and the warehouse will be located on Fronton street across from the ice plant, it was said.

The structure will be one story high, 80 feet wide and 100 feet long. It will be built of concrete and tile.

Other bidders included Nick and Ferguson, S. W. McKenzie and Holden and Archer, all of Brownsville; and Moser Construction Co. of McAllen.

Christmas Week For Orphans Proclaimed

AUSTIN—(AP)—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel proclaimed Dec. 22-28 as "Orphans Christmas Week" and urged citizens to "open their homes and hearts" to inmates of state and other orphans' homes.

The governor last Sunday suggested the procedure of taking orphans into homes for Christmas and his plan was well received.

Cadet Arrives Home

HARLINGEN — Cadet Charles Raymond Burk, son of Mrs. Bessie Burk, owner of the Reese-Wilmond Hotel here, left Wednesday from Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., to spend the Christmas holidays here. Cadet Burk was one of 600 cadets who closed the fall term work at Riverside December 18.

Hurt In Crash

Two Collisions Occur In McAllen

McALLEN—One person was injured in a series of two auto crashes Friday evening within a block of each other on the main highway.

Mrs. D. M. McEachern of McAllen was given emergency treatment at City Hospital for slight injuries suffered when the car her husband was driving was in collision with one driven by T. W. Longino of McAllen at the intersection of Second street and Highway avenue. Their son, Marvin, suffered slight cuts.

The collision occurred, investigating officers said, as McEachern's car was being driven on to the highway at the intersection. Both autos were badly damaged.

Mac Henderson of Pharr was fined a total of $30 on three road violation charges and his license suspended for six months Saturday morning by Justice of the Peace T. W. Kelly as the aftermath of a collision in which his car figured Friday night. The collision occurred at the Third street-Highway avenue intersection.

State Patrolman A. B. Nail, County Patrolman Harris Cozby, Chief of Police Noah Cannon and Patrolman Earl Hersh investigated both crashes.

NEW STATION TO BE BUILT

Conoco Will Locate At McAllen

McALLEN — Construction of a $10,000 service station for the Continental Oil Company on the northeast corner of Main street and Beech avenue will be started as soon as a house located on the property is moved, representatives of the company announced Saturday.

The corner is being purchased from R. A. Ewing of Edcouch for $7,500, according to Frank L. Gilbert, McAllen real estate man handling the deal. He said the transfer would be completed when the abstract and title are checked by the oil firm's legal department.

A permit for the erection of a $7,500 brick and glass service station was taken out Saturday, and officials estimated that equipment and landscaping would raise the total cost to $10,000.

The company's decision to locate at McAllen was made when the city commission Friday night amended an ordinance which now provides that before a filling station can be built in the city at a location in which two-thirds of the buildings within a distance of 500 feet along the line of the same street or streets from the proposed building, the builder must have the written consent of the owners of two-thirds of the residential property owners. The old section required the written consent of all property owners, whether business or residential.

The building permit for the Conoco station was issued after the company presented the necessary signatures.

Christmas Music

San Juan Church To Present Choir

SAN JUAN—Annual program of Christmas music will be presented by the choir of the San Juan People's Church Sunday night, under direction of Miss Doris Ewing. Choir includes 30 members.

Program includes "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "The Shepherd's Story," "Holy Season," "Angels From The Realms of Glory," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," two selections by the junior high school sextette: "Contique de Noel," Mrs. Paul Hetrick; "We Three Kings of Christ Are," "The Gloria," "The First Noel," "Oh, Little Town of Belthlehem," Mrs. C. M. Harris; "Silent Night," and "The Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel.

Choir includes Mesdames Paul Hetrick, Clyde Johnson, Lee Green, C. M. Harris, Clark Bellenbruch, H. A. Cox, T. E. Thompson, J. Beaty Smith, and Misses Mary Claire Gossage, Frances Cron and Berta Lou Hindes, all sopranos; altos, Mesdames Banks Miller, Ray Wilson, John Spencer, John Zipp, R. E. Williams, G. C. Ritchey, and Misses Alberta Platt and Mae Marie Buckner.

Tenors are Bryan Harris, Tom Rabinold, H. L. McCombs, Frank Hall, Max Burkhart, Alfred Sorensen; basses, H. D. Munal, Banks Miller, Jr., Dillon McDaniel, Jesse Johnson, Jerry Stugard, R. E. Williams, J. C. Doedyns.

To Visit In Mexico

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Helen S. Craig and Miss Gloria Van Slyck, both of Dallas, drove into Brownsville Saturday morning and left via Pan American Airways for Mexico City, where they plan to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Christmas 'Adoptions' Of Orphans Is Widespread

By The Associated Press

A steady procession of Texans will drop by the state children's homes at Corsicana and Waco Sunday to get a "son" or "daughter" for Christmas.

Governor O'Daniel announced last Sunday that his family would play host Christmas week to two youngsters from state homes for underprivileged children, and asked other families to make similar temporary "adoptions" if feasible.

Superintendent J. S. Halley said applications to the state orphans' home at Corsicana greatly exceeded the supply of children under 14 years old. Approximately 500 applications have been sent in, he said, and more than 250 children already have been assigned for the Christmas period.

First In History

This is the first time in the history of the local institution that children have been assigned to private homes for the holidays.

The O'Daniel family selected six-year-old Wanda Kilgore from the Corsicana home and four-year-old Charles Goodson from the Waco home to share Christmas festivities in the governor's mansion.

State highway patrolmen and local police will be called to handle traffic at Waco Sunday at noon when the governor is expected to arrive for the Goodson lad. Many other Texans probably will reach Waco at about the same time to get their young Christmas guests.

104 Promised Already

One hundred and four children from the Waco home already have been definitely promised to families, and additional requests are expected to take all the children who can leave.

Some receiving special treatment or having severe colds will not be permitted to go.

Governor and Mrs. O'Daniel are scheduled to arrive at Corsicana at 3 p.m. Sunday to pick up little Miss Kilgore. A public reception for the chief executive will be held at the orphans home.

Thirty boys and girls, or about one third of those at the state colored orphans home at Gilmer, will be adopted for Christmas. The hosts, from as far away as Wichita Falls, Houston and Dallas, will call for the children today.

Christmas Services Are Set For Donna

DONNA—Christmas services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Methodist Church here. Rev. Oscar E. Linstrum, pastor, will speak on "Symbols of Christmas," and at the 7:30 p.m. service, on "Bethlehem's Gift."

Carols will be included in the special Christmas music, and at the evening service a candlelight ceremony will be held.

Carols Program Set

HARLINGEN — Christmas services will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., with singing of Christmas carols and hymns under direction of H. M. Chilcoat. Rev. J. B. Wilder, pastor, urged the general public to attend.

CAMP BOWIE'S MEN ON LEAVE

Draftees Sent Home For Christmas

BROWNWOOD — (AP) — Soldiers scattered from Camp Bowie Saturday on Christmas leaves until reville Thursday when additional troops will begin arriving.

Headquarters of the 36th division announced the camp was 60 per cent complete, with facilities, including roads, 98 per cent ready for the 36th.

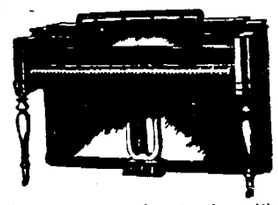
Work proceeded at full speed Saturday although some mud persisted despite five days of sunshine. A total of 12,073 men drew $335,442 in wages during the last week.

The 1,217 enlisted men and 125 officers were reported comfortably housed with stoves already in 1,151 tents while 889 more can be installed in a few hours when required.

Headquarters again declared there was no influenza epidemic and said there were no serious cases. Those with colds were sent to the hospital for two days.

MRS. EDELSTEIN RECOVERS

McALLEN—Mrs. J. Edelstein, who had been confined to the City Hospital for the past week because of a serious illness, was returned to her home Friday. Friends said she had recovered from the sickness and felt much improved Saturday.



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DRAFT BOARDS SENT QUOTAS

Texas Is To Supply 7312 In 2 Calls

AUSTIN—(AP)—Local draft boards Saturday were mailed the number of class 1-A registrants each will be required to furnish to complete Texas' quota of 7,312 men for the January 13-February 4 induction period, selective service headquarters announced.

Comprising the second and third calls, the quotas will include 912 Negroes.

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Adminstration Ponders Labor Compromise In Contracting Armaments

CONTRACT TO COMPLY WITH WAGNER ACT?

Workers Still Balk Defense Program

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The administration was reported Saturday to be studying means of compromising the one major controversy that has cropped up over national defense—whether armament contracts shall include a clause requiring compliance with labor laws.

Broader Clause

Informed sources said the war department was considering a broader clause than that now included in defense contracts. At present, contractors need only pledge observance of the Walsh-Healy Act under which the labor department can fix wage and hour standards for an industry.

Some officials doubted that any concessions would include the proposal of Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission, and CIO leaders that the contracts state specifically that employers must comply with the Wagner Act guaranteeing labor the right to organize and bargain collectively.

Seek Compromise

In seeking a compromise the war department was represented to be trying to reconcile conflicting views both within and without the defense commission, with the primary objective of preventing any delay in defense preparations.

The navy has not figured in the latest phase of the labor controversy, but logically would be governed by any alteration of contracts. It has concurred with the expressed view of William S. Knudsen, defense commissioner in charge of production, that stipulations not specifically required by law had no logical place in defense orders. Congress directed that the Walsh-Healy stipulation be included in all contracts of $10,000 or over.

GIRL CLAIMS WAS SEDUCED

Insurance Broker Is Placed In Jail

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—(AP)—A story of seduction and betrayal, told by a 17-year-old stenographer, placed Isaac Brown, 41, New York insurance broker, behind bars, charged with felonious assault.

The story was related by Matilda Boyer, daughter of a New York lawyer, from her cot in Mount Vernon Hospital, where she was taken suffering from knife wounds in the throat.

Police Chief Michael I. Silverstein quoted the girl as saying Brown had brought her here to have an abortion performed.

Instead, Silverstein said the girl charged, Brown, while walking with her to a "doctor's" house, took her into a parking lot, bound her hands, looped radio wire around her neck, stabbed her in the throat with a penknife and left her there.

Brown, who is married, denied the charge, as well as responsibility for the girl's condition.

The girl said she met Brown last July when she answered his advertisement for a stenographer.

City Cooperates In Community Singing

SAN BENITO—City officials and business men are cooperating with the San Benito Music clubs in sponsoring the annual Christmas Community Sing scheduled for 9 p.m. Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at the corner of West Batts street and Sam Houston boulevard by the Central Power and Light company building.

Mrs. G .C. Schurman will direct the program and all members of church choirs and other singers are requested to meet at the Christian church at 4p.m. Sunday for massed choir rehearsal.

Pan American Chief Holidays In Mexico

BROWNSVILLE — Erwin Balluder, western division manager for Pan American Airways, was scheduled to leave Brownsville Saturday afternoon by Pan American Airways for Mexico City, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Mrs. Balluder and their two daughters, Carmen and Gerda, left Brownsville Friday by plane for Mexico.

Red Cross Meeting Set For January 13

SAN BENITO—The annual membership meeting of the Harlingen-San Benito chapter of the American Red Cross will be held January 13 at the Collins Insurance office. Naming of a chapter chairman to succeed Joe A. Sloan, who recently resigned, and other officials is slated for this session. All members of the Red Cross are eligible to attend and vote.

Three Are Hurt As Ireland Is Bombed

DUBLIN — (AP) — Three persons were injured and several houses damaged when two bombs dropped by an unidentified air raider fell in Dun Laoghaire (Kingston), only seven miles from brilliantly-lighted Dublin, capital city of neutral Eire.

The government information bureau gave brief details of the incidents but there was no official indication whether a protest would be mad-

Don't Let Him Ruin Your Holiday Trip

Fruit Cake Returned To Its Sender Somewhat Drier But Still Unbitten Following Long Trip Around Europe

CUMBERLAND, Md.— (AP) —A wandering fruit cake is home again after a tour of Europe.

Mailed December 1, 1939, by Frank Bennett as a Christmas present to his son, Ernest, engaged in war relief work abroad, it arrived at Valencia, Spain, after Ernest had left for France.

The cake arrived in several French towns just behind Ernest, and reached Paris a few days after Ernest moved out before the German occupation.

Unbitten, the cake came back after 383 days to Father Frank.

"A wee bit dry, but improved with age," Bennett said after sampling it.

Kiwanis Head Dines 8 Past-Presidents

SAN BENITO—Past presidents of the San Benito Kiwanis club were entertained at dinner Friday night by C. L. Milner, newly elected president, at his home in Valencia Park. Former presidents attending the dinner were Mayor Louis S. Witte, Dr. E. T. Morris, J. P. Ellis, John Prentiss, Morgan Finley, S. V. Neely, Elmer Morris and Joe A. Sloan. Mr. Milner served as secretary of the club during the administration of each of these past presidents and this meeting was the first ever held of the former officials.

Italy, Spain and the United States are the leading producers of mercury.

Lights Contestants Urged To Register

SAN BENITO—All San Benitans who plan to enter the yard and home Christmas decorations contest are requested to register with the chamber of commerce office before 5 p. m. Tuesday. The judging of special decorations will take place that night by a committee selected by Mrs. J. C. Tucker, president of the San Benito Garden club. There will be three cash awards for first, second and third places.

FHA REPORTS BUILDING HIKE

New Construction In Defense Areas

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The FHA said Saturday that increases as much as 155 percent in new home construction had been registered in areas where the national defense program has accelerated industrial activity.

Administrator Abner H. Ferguson said in a statement that these new homes were being financed by FHA-insured loans "through the established machinery of private builders and private lending institutions."

During the 18 weeks ended November 30, which Ferguson said was the period when defense production was "getting under way on a major scale," a total of 64,542 new small homes were financed, an increase for the nation of 33.5 percent over the same period in 1939.

The 155 percent increase over the 1939 period, Ferguson said, was reported by FHA's Hartford office. The Cincinnati office reported a 122 percent increase and the Richmond, Va., office 94 percent.

Exes To Banquet

A. & I. Ex-Students Meeting Friday

HARLINGEN — Ex-students of Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, will stage a holiday reunion dinner at the Madison Hotel Friday, December 27, at 6 p.m., local committeemen said Saturday.

President Loftin and Dean Conner of the college, as well as other members of the faculty and board of directors, and prominent Valley citizens, will attend. Jerry Elliott, committeeman, said. The affair will be stag, Elliott said, and entertainment and luncheon will be $1.50. Reservations should be forwarded immediately to Bodin-Elliott, Box 1268 here.

Unmarried Waitress Held In Slaying Of Daughter

BABYLON, N. Y.—(AP)—A 20-year-old unmarried waitress held on murder charges in the death of her new-born daughter Thursday admitted Saturday, Suffolk county authorities reported, that she had snuffed out the life of a baby born to her two years ago.

The young woman, the mother of a 4-year-old son, was named by Lindsay R. Henry, chief assistant district attorney, as Emma Louise Chichester. She was taken to a hospital pending arraignment next week. A sister, Mary, 17, and their father, Israel, were held as material witnesses.

An anonymous phone call to the police of this Long Island village brought about her arrest Friday night. The caller said the woman's daughter was wrapped in blankets in a bureau drawer of the Chichester home.

The body was found there and Henry later announced that the woman had admitted smothering the infant shortly after its unattended birth. A few hours after the birth, Henry said, the woman went to work at the tavern where she was employed.

Malaria continued a downward trend in the United States in 1939 for the sixth consecutive year.

BENEFIT BALL SET DEC. 27

Bundles For Britain Sponsors Dance

WESLACO—A committee meeting for the Bundles for Britain Ball, to be held Friday, December 27, at Miller's Grill, was held at the home of Mrs. Tom Sammons Thursday night and plans for the ball were discussed. Mrs. Sammons, chairman of the Weslaco chapter of Bundles for Britain, and Mrs. Morris Allen, chairman of the Mercedes chapter, appointed the following chairmen of committees: Ted Cressner, Weslaco, decorations; Mrs. Jack Zellafro, Weslaco, favors; Joe Davidson, Weslaco, and Mrs. Marvin Farley, Mercedes, publicity, and Tom Sammons, Weslaco, radio publicity.

Edgar Yates and Charles Wheeler of Mercedes represented the 20-30 club of Mercedes at the meeting and offered their assistance in selling tickets. Mrs. Sammons said that the 20-30 clubs of Weslaco, Harlingen, San Benito and Brownsville are also assisting.

Present also at the meeting were Mrs. Marvin Farley and David Allen of Mercedes.

PHARR LIGHTS DISPLAY SET

Park Decorated For Xmas Season

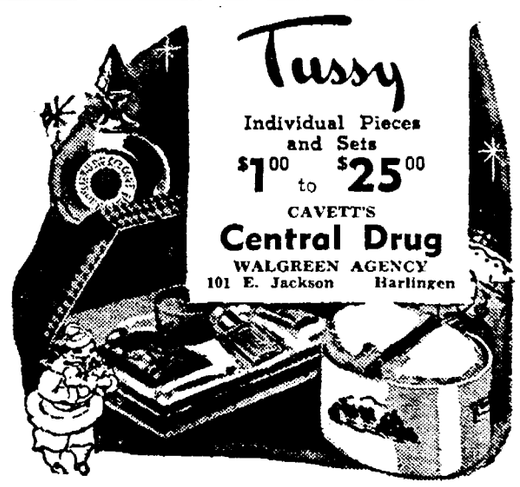
PHARR—The community Christmas lighting display in the City Park sponsored by the Garden and Kiwanis clubs was completed Friday with attractive arrangements of lights on both the band stand and the water fountain.

The bandstand has been converted into a homelike atmosphere, with fireplace, Christmas tree and stockings, with two little girls waiting at the chimney for Santa to come. A large Santa is on top of the bandstand, illuminated by flood lights. A large lighted star hangs high above the bandstand and to the side.

The water fountain has been attractively decorated with vari-colored lights.

The display is visible from the highway and has attracted the interest of the passers-by on the main Valley highway.

Merchants and individuals contributed approximately $60 to make the display possible.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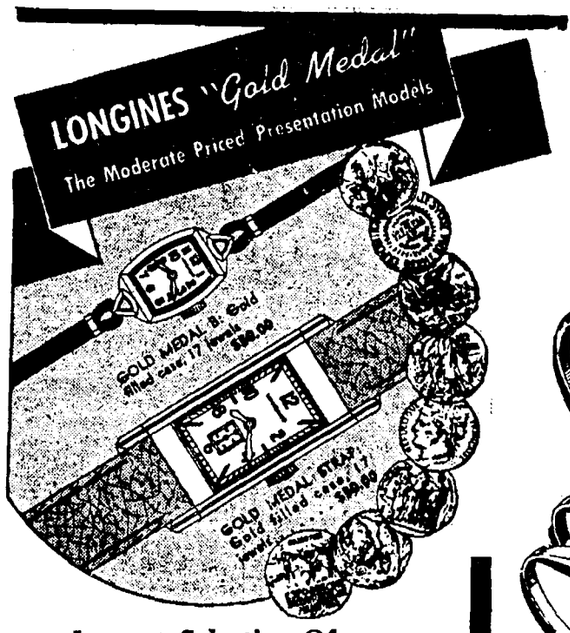

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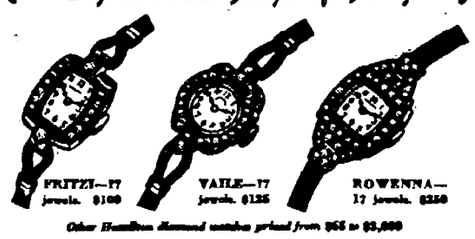

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PIUS PLEADS FOR PRAYERS DURING XMAS

Pope Concerned For Children In War

VATICAN CITY—(AP)—Pope Pius XII asked the world's Catholics Saturday to pray at Christmastime for the sufferers of war and to remember in charity these "little brothers who are without bread, without clothing and without family."

In a letter to Cardinal Magilone, the Papal secretary of state, the Pontiff expressed concern for the children and urged that "everyone do what he can, where he can, how he can."

He expressed once again hope the warring countries would "do honor to the good traditions of civilized life by not permitting the children of belligerent countries or those in any way involved in the war to suffer unmerited pain . . ."

He had done all he could, he said, to avert the ills of war, but he had met "difficulties at all times more serious still than those in the past World War—some of them inherent to the very nature of the scourge which is raging; others, we must also say, interposed by the will of men."

Thus, "armed only with the arms of truth, justice and Christian charity, that which we can do still once more is to invite all propitating prayer and significant beneficent action."

RELIEF DRIVE IS POSTPONED

Boy Scouts Collect Supplies Monday

HARLINGEN—Rain forced postponement of the collection of food, clothing and toys for Christmas baskets to be distributed by the Salvation Army and allied organizations, Legion Commander Dan Heslop said, but that scouts would make the house-to-house canvass Monday beginning at 9:30 a. m.

The canvass was set originally for Saturday afternoon. Salvation Army, the Legion, churches and other civic organizations have cooperated in the Christmas Basket Exchange, and some 500 baskets are being filled at the Army's headquarters on North Commerce avenue. Baskets will be distributed to needy families Christmas Eve.

Considerable amount of canned food, staples, new and repaired toys, and clothing has been assembled at Salvation Army headquarters, but Heslop and co-workers indicated more supplies are urgently needed, and appealed to citizens to donate these items. They will be collected Monday morning by the scouts.

Repaired toys assembled by the firemen here have been turned over to the Christmas Basket Exchange, whereas in past years firemen have distributed gifts to tots of needy families.

Picnic Planned

All-States Program Is Due In February

McALLEN—Representatives from several states in the Valley called by Roy Johnston, president of the "All States" picnic, met Friday morning at Legion hall to discuss the event.

Each state president or state representative was asked to appoint a committee from each state in order to decide on registration badges representing their home state and to plan stunts with which to answer the roll call at the picnic to be held in McAllen the first week in February.

Johnston also urged each person to send a card back home asking their friends to come down to the Valley in time for the all-day celebration. Those attending the meeting here were Mrs. J. H. Humble of Colorado, Fred Clapsaddle, president of the Iowa group; Miss Frances Golong of Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice of Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hall of Minnesota, Mrs. Spencer H. Sterling of Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Holman of North Dakota, Mrs. Razor and Mrs. G. M. Baldwin of Ohio and Mrs. Flitner of Wyoming.

County Judges Back FD In British Help

AUSTIN—(AP)—The executive and legislative committees of the County Judges and Commissioners Association Saturday telegraphed President Roosevelt their approval of his "efforts to rush all possible aid to England as well as our own defense."

The judges said they spoke as the elected officials "closest to the people of Texas."

Culberson To Take Oath On January 2

AUSTIN—(AP)—Olin Culberson, railroad commissioner-elect, said Saturday he would take the oath of office January 2 at 2 p.m. in the senate chamber.

The attorney general's department has ruled that the term of Chairman Lon A. Smith whom Culberson will replace on the three-man regulatory agency expires January 1.

Hospital Releases Auto Crash Victim

OLNEY—(AP)—Arch S. Underwood, Lubbock cotton man, who was injured in an automobile accident near here Thursday, was released from a hospital Friday and was being returned to his home at Lubbock in an ambulance.

Mrs. Underwood was only slightly injured.

Conquest Of Europe Termed Top Story Of 1940; Top 10 Listed By AP

Roosevelt's Third Term Ranks Second With Defense Program Third; War Stories Predominate

By MORGAN M. BEATTY
AP Feature Service Writer

The battle of the headlines also was news in 1940!

World shattering events jostled each other for front page positions in the nation's newspapers. And the newspapers, before they could print these stories had to GET them.

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Morgan M. Beatty

More than a score of news editors and other newsmen — men who helped gather and put together your daily budget of news around the world — helped pick these Big Ten stories of 1940:

1. German invasion of Norway, the Low Countries and France.
2. Renomination and election of Roosevelt for a third term.
3. National defense program, climaxed by the peacetime draft.
4. Battle of Britain.
5. Evacuation of Dunkerque.
6. Trade of U. S. destroyers for British naval bases.
7. Greco-Italian war.
8. Russo-Finnish war.
9. Axis-Japanese pact for redistribution of the world's wealth.
10. The Act of Havana, providing for common hemisphere defense.

The judging job was worse than filling out an income tax return. For first place the board of judges was almost evenly divided between (1) the precedent shattering renomination and election of the President, and (2) the German spring invasions.

Fuse For Many Bombs

I cast the deciding vote, giving the German invasion the edge because I felt that continuous event set off the whole string of news explsions that shook the world in 1940. That put the Roosevelt election in second place.

An extremely close third was the American national defense program, headed up by the unprecedented drafting of American manpower in peacetime.

The battle of Britain easily commanded fourth place. But the selection for fifth position presented a strange problem in news judgment. Upon first thought, the escape at Dunkerque seemed to be a part of the battle of France. But the editorial board insisted on giving that parcel of British heroism a ranking position.

Destroyer Deal A Surprise

The deal between the United States and Great Britain, trading 50 old destroyers for future leases on British territory in the western hemisphere, developed over-whelming pressure for sixth position. It had the elements of surprise contained by only one other story of the year—the German invasion.

Those satellite wars—the Greco-Italian affair now commanding front page headlines, and the Russo-Finnish set-to—edged into seventh and eighth places because of the appeal of the fighting underdog. Without it, they'd have been sideshows.

The Axis-Japanese pact which took No. 9 position was historically significant because three powers publicly planned a redistribution of world wealth before they had that wealth to divide. Odd, audacious, perhaps ludicrous, depending on the future course of events.

Last in the Big Ten, but far from least in the long list of important stories fo 1940, comes the Act of Havana.

The quality of the leftovers is surprisingly high. Take "Galloping Gertie," the Tacoma bridge that shimmied into oblivion. Or Leopold's surrender, or Carol's abdication, or the Windsors going to the Bahamas and, eventually, the United States.

The kidnaping of Marc de Tristan, Jr., the Trotsky assassination, the threat of famine in Europe in the midst of world plenty, the smashing British victories in the Mediterranean, the Knox and Stimson appointments to the Roosevelt cabinet, and John Lewis' bet on the wrong presidential horse—all warranted Big Ten position in any year save crowded 1940.

(For Ten Best Valley Stories, see Monday's Valley Morning Star.)

Top Ten Stories Of 1939

1. France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.
2. British royal couple visits U. S.
3. Congress repeals arms embargo.
4. Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.
5. Hitler escapes death in Munich bomb explosion.
6. Will F.D.R. choose to run?
7. Thanksgiving date debate.
8. Sit-down strikes outlawed by Supreme Court.
9. Dies committee battles "isms."
10. Fascist Franco wins Spanish civil war.

Top Ten Stories Of 1938

1. Munich conference.
2. Republican gains in off-year elections.
3. Anti-Semitism.
4. New England hurricane.
5. Douglas Corrigan's "wrong way" flight.
6. U. S. rearmament.
7. War in China.
8. Business recovery.
9. Martian invasion scare.
10. The Whitney case.

Charged Water Flows Out Of Faucets And Customers Think It Fine Stuff But It All Turns Out To Be Mistake

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Apartment dwellers in a west side district thought it was quite splendid of the city water department when they turned on their kitchen faucets and got charged water. Right at the start of the holiday, too.

But it didn't last. Sid Benedict, water engineer, finally located the cause of the effervescent beverage which the city was serving.

A service station attendant in the neighborhood by mistake—at least he told Benedict it was a mistake—had attached an air compressor hose to a city water pipe instead of to the station's air pipe.

Benedict said the department got a lot of complaints after the error was corrected.

Congratulations

MISSION — Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Jenkins of Mission on the birth of a daughter Friday morning at the Medical Arts Clinic in Mission. The baby, who weighted eight pounds, is the granddaughter of Sheriff and Mrs. R. T. Daniel. She is the first baby born in the new clinic.

Alto Theatre
LA FERIA
— SUNDAY — MONDAY — TUESDAY
RICHARD DIX in
"MEN AGAINST THE SKY"
and
Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake, Larry Simms and Daisy in
"Blondie on a Budget"
— Wednesday — Thursday —
MAUREEN O'HARA, LOUIS HAYWARD, LUCILLE BALL and RALPH BELLAMY in
"Dance Girl Dance"
And
BARBARA STANWYCK and JOEL McCREA in
"Banjo on My Knee"
— Friday — Saturday —
HENRY FONDA in
"The Return of Frank James"
10c — 15c — 20c

Peggy Sage "SKYPET" Manicure Set

New and ultra feminine, Skypet contains four famous Peggy Sage preparations and six implements. The silky inner case, with bottles upright in plastic tray, lifts out leaving a stunning evening purse in dark green or bright red "quilted" crepe. PRICE..... $6.00

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XMAS EVENTS ARE PLANNED

McAllen Tourists To Stage Party

McALLEN—Christmas events will feature activities of tourists in McAllen during the coming week. A party will be held Christmas Eve, Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m. at Legion hall and a dinner will be held Christmas Day at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Monday at 4 p. m. there will be a conducted tour to Reynosa, Mexico, with a wild game dinner at 6 p. m. The advanced Spanish class will meet at the regular hour at Legion hall. All other classes will be suspended until the following Friday. Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. there will be a Christmas tree at Legion hall. All tourists and winter visitors are asked to bring a 10-cent gift and place their name in a basket so that each person present may receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Wednesday at 11:30 a. m. there will be a pre-luncheon reception in the Spanish room at the Casa de Palmas; at 12 noon a turkey dinner will be served and the afternoon will be spent in playing novel Christmas games. Tourists are asked to register by noon Tuesday.

Thursday at 1:30 p. m. there will be a tour to the "Ever Green" fields and Engelman Gardens. The tour will leave from the chamber of commerce building. Friday at 9:30 a. m. the Spanish club will meet followed at 11 a. m. by the Sewing club. At 2 p. m. the regular game party will be held in Legion hall.

38 Men Called

Draftees At Mission Inducted Jan. 20

MISSION—Thirty-eight men will be called from Hidalgo County Draft Board No. 2, Mission Selective Service program, to report at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, January 20, the board was notified Saturday. All of the men must be white. They will be inducted into the army Monday, January 20, leaving Mission Sunday night, January 19, it is expected. The new quota exceeds more than four times the first call quota of eight men sent in November.

Comment Refused On Foreign Ship Sales

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary Hull declined Saturday to comment on statements made in Berlin to the effect that Germany would consider it an unfriendly act if the United States requisitioned foreign flag ships now in American ports and sold them to the British government.

The secretary was asked at his press conference if he would give the views of the American government on the question and replied in the negative.

Henderson Boy Dies In Fall From Horse

HENDERSON—(AP)—T. Grant McLemore, 6, was killed Saturday when he fell from his bucking horse near Joinerville.

Officers said the youth died of head injuries when his head struck the ground. His arm was mangled by a road maintainer that was moving nearby. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

American Is Taken From U. S. Steamship

ABOARD THE S.S. EXCAMBION AT BERMUDA—(AP)—British authorities removed an American citizen, Oscar Stabler, barber on the Excambion, when the ship, en route to New York, called at Bermuda. The charges were not disclosed. Stabler was born at Stuttgart, Germany.

Near-Sneeze And Rain Caused This

Eddie Schrage of Mission, driver of this tank truck, said that he lost control of it on the slippery pavement west of La Feria Friday morning when he felt a sneeze coming on. The sneeze failed to materialize but the truck ploughed through the mud and sheered off an ornamental palm tree. The tank is shown here being emptied of its load through a hose attached to another truck. The truck is property of J. C. Kelly of Edinburg.

The World Of John Doe Changed By 1940 News

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE
AP Feature Service Writer

Much of the world that John Doe, average American, learned to live in blew up in 1940.

For a few months, events abroad and at home were comparatively placid. The European conflict seemed a "phoney" war. (Remember?) The usual preliminary fireworks heralded the presidential contest, but folks were not greatly steamed up.

Even Germany's quick gobbling up of Denmark and Norway, and the British retreat from the northern front, did not dislodge John Doe's belief that "the impregnable Maginot line" and "the crack French army" still were a most potent pair of military aces.

A. R. George

Then on May 10 came the Nazi lightning. Across Holland and Belgium, which had staked their safety on pledges of neutrality, and into France rolled the German juggernaut. Within 40 days, Hitler pushed from the Rhine to the English Channel. The soldiers of a new Napoleon held western Europe from the Arctic Circle to sunny Spain.

John Doe was awed by the swift and annihilating onslaught of this new military machine, with its tanks, flame-throwing infantrymen, dive bombers, fifth columnists and parachutists.

John Doe began to wonder how long England could hold out and whether "it might happen here."

His demands for super-defense turned a budget-minded Congress into the No. 1 peace-time spender.

Along came Wendell Willkie, a new kind of presidential prospect. The former Democrat and utilities executive, with his amazing candor, captured the fancy of anti-administration voters. Despite his Wall Street background he won the Republican nomination to kick the props from under another political tradition.

A Tradition Is Broken

Then shortly after midnight on July 19, Joe Doe listened at his radio as a President in shirt sleeves sat before a microphone in the White House and told the nation that because of "over-riding public danger" he would accept a third term if the people drafted him.

John Doe, showered with political shrapnel, saw his son register for possible war service, along with 16,400,000 other young men. The fury of the campaign sent John Doe and his cousins to the polls on November 5 in greater numbers than ever before. And the third-term tradition was broken.

Japan and liberty-loving France, meanwhile, had gone totalitarian; Churchill had been given dictatorial powers to fight the Battle of Britain.

"All out" aerial warfare put millions of Europe's civilians into the front lines. Apprehensive John Doe saw the first batch of draftees set off for training camps but he heard criticisms of a "lag" in arms production.

He read of power plant explosions with hints of sabotage.

But good news came too—the boom in industrial production, the increase in factory payrolls and farm income. Not so good was a rising cost of living.

Balancing it all at year's end, John felt that he was sitting pretty compared with his cousins in almost any other part of the world.

Officers Dine With Men Before Arrests

ROXBORO, N. C.—(AP)—Sheriff W. T. Clayton and deputies surprised a trio distilling moonshine whiskey—but mingled with the odors of alcohol was another odor, that of a cooking stew.

So the officers joined the distillers in a good old-fashioned outdoor feed before taking them to jail.

BOARD SENDS 100 BLANKS

Total 250 Draftees Now Called Here

HARLINGEN—An additional 100 questionnaires, making a total of 250 sent out by the Harlingen draft board, have been sent to selective service registrants and 31 men are to be sent for a year's military training from the Harlingen area January 16, said Ralph Ormesher, clerk. Seven men were furnished on the first call in November.

Not as many volunteers are now being received as desired and there is a fine opportunity for young men wishing to get their year's military training behind them to do so, Ormesher said. The opportunity is especially good for those whose jobs are not of the best at this time because they can enlist, serve their time in the service, and then be ready to accept any better position that is offered without being faced by prospects of taking military service, Ormesher pointed out.

"Speaking as a former service man, I would say that a year's military training is a fine thing for a young man," Ormesher said.

Canadian and British immigrants comprise by far the greatest portion of Detroit's foreign-born.

FIESTA SETS TOURIST DAY

Visitors To Compete For Cash Prize

MISSION—Winter visitors from various states will compete for a cash prize to be offered by the Texas Citrus Fiesta, to be held in Mission next month when Tourist Day will be held Saturday, January 18. The award will be made to the largest representation from any certain state entered in the Tourist Parade which will be one of the entertainments planned for the special day, it was announced this week by Vance H. Glasgow, general chairman of the celebration.

All winter visitors in the Valley will be contacted and invited to participate in the events. In each city, the president of each tourist club will be asked to line up other tourists and explain the plans.

Paul Vickers, McAllen Chamber of Commerce secretary, will deliver the sermon at the Union Service, to be held Sunday night, January 19, as the closing event of the three-day celebration. Mr. Glasgow said Saturday. Vickers will talk on "Exemplified Americanism."

City Pays Cop For Bill At Dentist's

AUSTIN—(AP)—City Motorcycle Officer John Ott collided with a city fire truck several months ago.

His dental bill was $125.

Saturday Acting City Manager James A. Garrison announced the city would pay the bill.

EXTRA VALUE

Wm. A. ROGERS COMPOTE DISH by ONEIDA LTD. SILVERSMITHS

11-inch LOW COMPOTE, in handsome pierced pattern of quality silver plate with "stand" on bottom. Packed in gift box. Limited quantity—come early. $3.95

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The Valley's Finest For 17 Years

Season's Greetings

It is the sincere wish of the management and all employees of the Reese-Wil-Mond that the holidays may bring you the best of all things . . . happiness . . . contentment . . . and the joy of fellowship; that's our wish for you.

Special Notice
To Dining Room Patrons

To Make Necessary Repairs, Our Dining-Room Will Be Closed Dec. 23 to Jan. 4, Inclusive

WE OFFER OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER ON THIS

SUNDAY MENU

Shrimp, Fruit or Papaya Cocktail
Chicken a la Royal Soup
Celery, Pickles and Olives
Baked Turkey and Oyster Dressing
Giblet Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
Choice of Several Other Meats
Candied Yams Fresh String Beans
Buttered Asparagus Tips
Home Made Hot Rolls
Pickled Peach Salad or
Stuffed Celery Salad
Ambrosia with Fruit Cake
Fresh Strawberry Short Cake, Whipped Cream
Ice Cream and Sherbets
Parfaits and Sundaes

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HARLINGEN

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To Our Citrus Growers and Other Valley Friends

The following verses were composed by Miss Mary Berchmans of Brownsville, and are reprinted from the Valley Morning Star issue of November 10th, for their historical and poetic value pertaining to the Rio Grande Valley's most important industry:

WHERE THE "VALLEY" GOT ITS "MAGIC"

'Twas the "Padres" put the "Magic"
In the "Valley" long ago,
As they rode upon their missions
'Mid our ranches, to and fro,
In this land, along whose border
Rio Grande's waters flow.

Now that "Magic" which they planted
In our citrus fruits doth glow,
And if to Laguna Seca
In your travels you should go,
You would see our first "naranjos"
Standing proudly in a row.

Would you like to hear the story
Of those ancient orange trees?
Then hearken to the whisperings
Of their branches and their leaves,
As they rustle and they murmur
In our "Magic Valley's" breeze.

There have been some seventy harvests
Since this "rancho" that you see
First became the "hacienda"
Of the Vela family
Now we count five generations
Of that great old family tree.

The offspring of the earliest
Were but children, so I've heard,
When there came a weary Oblate,
Riding circuit for his Lord
And, he, at Laguna Seca,
Stopped to preach the Master's Word.

From the Mother Church at Brownsville
He had traveled o'er the land,
And he bore, as was his custom,
Presents, for the childish band
That ran eagerly to greet him,
And to clasp his kindly hand.

Now this day it was an orange,
Shining golden in the sun,
And the seeds were duly planted
When the simple feast was done,
By the "Padre" tired and weary,
And a happy little one.

Now the seedlings grew and prospered
'Neath the sun, so bright and gay,
Which lights up our "Magic Valley"
And its products, day by day,
But which shines with special splendor
On our citrus fruits' array.

Do you see those rings around them?
"Looks like concrete," did you say?
They are Mexican "adobe,"
Made of hardened, sun-baked clay,
And they've guarded these, our vet'rans,
Oh! For many and many a day.

See that old "vaquero," seated
In the shadow of those trees,
He remembers well their planting,
Saw the "Padre" on his knees,
And the little child beside him,
Laughing gaily in the breeze.

He has often told the story,
How he watched the seedlings grow,
And, a child, with other children,
Ate the golden fruit aglow,
And he grew up with those orange trees,
From seventy years ago.

They have stoutly stood time's testing,
Fierce high winds and hard cold, too,
One winter frozen to the ground,
Springtime saw them sprout anew,
And again their scented blossoms
Opened in the morning dew.

"Cinco generaciones"
Have enjoyed their fine "sabor,"
And the little ones still come to lisp
"Naranja, por favor."
As with longing eyes they gave upon
The ancients' golden store.

Now, if you think the citrus trees
To a ripe old age can grow,
Then, go, plant yourself an orchard
Of these fruit-trees, row on row;
Enjoy their springtime crown of white
And their harvest's golden glow.

—By S. M. B.

The Lagune Secas are the oldest known orange trees in this Valley and are evidence of their endurance.

There has been great progress in citriculture as well as other lines since its beginning, and we can now grow far superior quality trees to what we planted 25 years ago, which was about the time commercial planting started, or 10 years ago. Elimination of the seedy varieties and continuous selection of best stock has improved quality until we now have very desirable commercial varieties. Tanberg's Nursery will continue to grow trees propagated from the best proven stock.

The tree prices are now as low as quality trees can be grown for. Remember that any other kind is dear at any price.

I appreciate the opportunity of discussing the subject with any prospective buyer and wish to thank my customers for their patronage the past year. Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

TANBERG'S CITRUS NURSERY
LA FERIA

ITALIAN NAVY INTO ACTION WITH GREEKS

Rome Says Coast Is Bombarded Anew

By The Associated Press

ROME— (AP) —Italy's high command declared Saturday its fleet had gone into action against Greece.

"Our naval units bombarded enemy positions along the Ionian (southwest Greek) coast effectively, hitting pre-established targets," a communique stated.

(Presumably this action took place at about the same time that the British claim that their own fleet steamed up the Ionian Sea and penetrated the Adriatic, shelling the Albanian port of Valona. The Italian high command said nothing about this claim, however, and gave no details of the action. The British had broadcast that their naval units sighted no Italian ships).

On the Albanian front, the Italians reported winning an "important positon," not identified.

All Greek attacks were reported repulsed, and the newspaper Il Popolo Di Roma said Italian bombers hemmed in and hammered Greek units falling back along the coast north of Porta Edda.

The high command said of the Libyan fighting merely that there was "artillery action," and praised the work of Italian fliers attacking armored British units.

Station XEAN

Radio At Matamoros Boosts Power

MATAMOROS—Civil and military authorities here Sunday will inaugurate the new 250-watt power for Station XEAN, with special ceremonies. Frequency will remain at 750 kilocycles.

Mayor Francisco Zarate will make the first of a number of speeches to be heard from prominent business men, the commander of the garrison, and Carlos A. Calderon, Mexican consul in Brownsville. A supper will be given by Manuel Salinas, owner-manager of the station.

Prominent Brownsville business men and chamber of commerce officials are among guests invited.

Music Is Announced For Sunday Service At Baptist Church

HARLINGEN—Rev. E. Douglas Carver will speak on "Around The Cradle of Jesus" at the Sunday morning services at the First Baptist Church here, according to announcement Saturday.

Foster Tebbe, at the N. A. Davidson, Jr., Memorial console organ, will select as his prelude, "Gloria In Excelis Dio." Offertory will be "Daybreak," and the choir will sing the Maunder's anthem, "Bethlehem," with Miss Emogene Oler as soloist. Postlude will be "The Shepherd's Chorus," by Lemmens from the Christmas Offertorium.

At the evening service, Rev. Carver will preach on the subject, "The Prince of Peace." Tebbe's prelude will be "The Shepherd's Song," the offertory will be "Ave Maria," and the anthem, Brahms' "Holy Night." Mrs. T. D. King will be featured soloist.

Sunday at 9 a.m. the amplified chimes will be heard from the Baptist Church, and subsequently on Sundays at that hour.

Anyway, He Thought He Was Doing Right

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—The humanitarian project of printing backwards calendars for reading in barber shop mirrors has its drawbacks.

The airplane line that did it left some of the calendars around the office overnight and the janitor threw them out. He got a load of backwards figures and figured the calendars were "spoiled."

New Finn President Plans Co-Operation

HELSINKI—(AP)—Risto Ryti, newly-elected president of Finland, pledged himself to improvement of relations with Russia, Germany and Sweden as he took the oath of office before parliament.

Two Piano Prodigies

A child prodigy of 70 years ago, Moritz Rosenthal, looked on admiringly as a keyboard prodigy of today, eight-year-old Kenneth Amada, of South Orange, N. J., made his debut in New York. The concert marked Rosenthal's 78th birthday.

Makes No Difference What You Do, The Draft Board Has A Name For It

By WORTH GATEWOOD

BROWNSVILLE — It doesn't matter what sort of work you do—Mrs. Ethel Hetrick, chief clerk of the Brownsville draft board, has a name for it.

The names of America's various occupations, listed in a manual supplied Mrs. Hetrick for classification work, are singular to say the least.

And sometimes they are downright weird.

For example:

A bull-cook-flunkey has nothing whatever to do with bulls—it's simply a name for a guy who helps in a logging camp kitchen.

Then again, there's a cabbage corer. That sounds simple, but it entails running a very complicated piece of machinery which takes the inside out of cabbage. We don't know why, either.

Other interesting jobs in the food line (probably not overcrowded either) are those of the cheese grinder, gherkin pickler, and a jawbone puller. The latter job has nothing whatever to do with dentistry—it's a branch of meat packing.

A cold-water-pool-soaker is not a winter swimming enthusiast, no matter what you think. It's the official name of the man who dips hides in a tanning plant.

Neither does a first or second faller have anything to do with the wrestling racket. The term applies to lumber jacks' ratings on cutting down trees.

Impersonator

Also listed as a legitimate profession is that of a female impersonator, although it is not explained how this fits in with the draft.

A knock-out-man isn't a Mickey Finn specialist in a third-rate emporium. According to the book, this belligerent title goes with a man who packs tobacco.

The job of nut-sorter might be applied by some people to the man who checks in patients at an asylum, but to the draft board he's the guy who separates filberts from pistachios.

Chiseling also is an honored profession in the book, which lists three types of chiselers—but they all use tools to gouge out their living.

Other seemingly criminal pursuits are recognized by the manual—rock splitter (in a quarry, not a prison), forger (the metal-working kind), and a dope mixer, which has to do with explosives—not narcotics.

Pocket Closer

Then also you can take the side-pocket closer, who ought to work in a pool-room, but in reality is a tailor's helper.

And here's aother one which seems a little odd—especially in a draft book.

It's a shake-out-girl.

However, the book hastens to explain that she has nothing to do with the strip tease. It's only a gal who shakes out the clothes in a laundry. But what has that got to do with the draft?

But that's not the worst—the book even officially lists, of all things, a slacker!

But he can still be a patriot, because the title means he is a lime drawer. Whatever that means.

US ANNOUNCES 9 POSITIONS

Civil Service Will Conduct Exams

HARLINGEN—The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examination for the position of dumpman, $3.20 a day, to be employed on Rio Grand flood control work by the International Boundary Commission, according to announcement Saturday.

Applications are being distributed at the Harlingen postoffice. Applications must be on file with the IBC at El Paso not later than January 3, Frank Lee, board secretary here, said.

Eight other positions are also open, with deadline for applications ranging about January 1. They include associate and assistant aquatic biologist, $3,200 and $2,600 a year, Fish and Wildlife Service; assistant biological aid, fishers, $1,620 a year, Fish and Wildlife Service; laboratory assistant, bacteriological, $1,260 a year, Veterans Administration, Legion, Tex.; accounting and auditing assistant, $1,800 a year; junior warehouse examiner, $2,000 a year; junior airway traffic controller, $2,000 a year, CAA; junior controlling machine operator, $1,440 a year; metallurgical engineer and metalurgist, various grades with salary from $5,600 to $3,200 a year. Full information may be secured at any first-or second-class postoffice.

Divorce Is Sought By Inventor's Wife

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—(AP)—Mrs. Lester P. Barlow, wife of the bomb inventor, testified in a divorce action that she left her husband because of his "unwarranted" investments in scientific and political ventures.

Superior Court Judge John H. King reserved decision on her petition for a divorce charging non-support.

FRENCH RELAX NAZI TENSION

No Hitler Upset Is Seen By Vichy

VICHY, France—(AP)—Despite continued silence about what clearly were parleys with Germany over collaboration, the impression grew Saturday night that tension, evident since the Laval incident, has relaxed.

A communique after a cabinet meeting made no mention of French-German relations, and no more meetings were scheduled until the end of next week.

Informed circles expressed belief the government had taken the stand it was ready to continue the policy of collaboration with Germany with no further changes in the cabinet beyond the replacement of Pierre Laval, ousted foreign minister and vice-premier.

No Upset?

Indications also were that no precipitous action to upset the status quo was expected from Germany, either through total occupation of France or a request for permission to send troops through the unoccupied area.

Fernand De Brinon, French ambassador in German-occupied Paris, was reported by informed sources to have told the Germans that France would not reinstate Laval.

Brinon Acted

These sources said Brinon acted on the orders of Chief of State Philippe Petain.

There was considerable telephone activity between Paris and Vichy this afternoon and informed persons expressed the opinion a meeting between Petain and German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop was under discussion.

Bans Increased

Export Forbidden Of More Items

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In the interest of national defense, President Roosevelt issued a proclamation placing 15 additional items under the expo licensing system.

The White House said the new items consisted of miscellaneous products omitted from former proclamations and were added "for the purpose o perfecting those lists."

Saturday's items included:

Cobalt, plastic moulding machines and presses, gauges, measuring machines, balancing machines, testing machines, hydraulic pumps, tools incorporating industrial diamonds, equipment and plans for production of aviation lubricating oil, bromine, ethylene, ethylene dibromide, methylamine, strontium metals and ores, abrasives and abrasive products containing emery corundum or garnet, as well as abrasive paper and cloth.

Absent-Minded Girl Steps Out Into Air

PLAINVIEW—(AP)—Sitting in her automobile, Wanda Adams, Wayland college student, suddenly remembered a Christmas gift she had forgotten at a Plainview store.

She opened the car door, stepped out, and was taken to a hospital for treatment of severe bruises.

She also had forgotten her car was parked on a hydraulic hoist while it was being greased at a service station.

Roosevelt Prays For Hastening Of Peace

NEW YORK — (AP) — President Roosevelt, in a letter read Saturday at special services in the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, called for prayers "that the day be hastened when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of God, and the reign of moral force shall supplant brute strength in the government of men."

DEES LEAVES ON TRIP

McALLEN—W. W. Dees was called to Hughes Springs, Tex., Saturday morning by the serious illness of his mother.

British Navy Strikes

Risking a foray into the bottlenecked Adriatic, British warships hurled 100 tons of shells in the Fascist port of Valona (1) and kept up bombardment of Bardia (2) in the 12-day battle of North Africa.

Secretary Testifies Faith Healers Used Medicines For Themslves When They Became Ill; Trial Is Recessed

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Testimony that the late Guy W. Ballard, founder of the "I Am" movement, and his wife, used medical and non-medical treatments—not faith—to cure their ills formed the latetst chapter in the mail fraud of 10 of the organization's leaders.

"I couldn't see how they could heal other people when they couldn't heal themselves," commented P. B. Crouse, former secretary to Ballard after testifying as to the use by the Ballards of various medicines and treatments.

On cross examination, Crouse testified Ballard and his wife, Edna W. Ballard, received letters from persons, thanking them for help. Some of the letters were from persons he said claimed they had been healed of diseases through faith.

Mrs. Ballard is one of the defendants in the trial, which recessed until next Thursday.

Store Purchased

Kingsville Men Will Move To McAllen

McALLEN—Purchase of Western Auto Associate Store, 218 South Main, McAllen, from H. C. Quinn by Brooks Graul and Claud West of Kingsville, was announced Saturday by the new owners, who are moving to McAllen.

Graul was formerly district manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at Kingsville and West and his brother, Otis, ran the Rialto Confectionery there for several years. Graul will be joined shortly by his wife and two children, who will enter school here for the second semester.

Oil Found In Wilcox Sands Near Humbolt

FALLS CITY, Neb.—(AP)—Reports that oil was found in the Wilcox sand at the M. M. Travis well on the O. S. Stauffer farm southwest of Humboldt Saturday provided the biggest news in this southeast Nebraska oil territory since the Paunee Royalty Company brought in the R. H. Boice discovery well in November, 1939.

The Stauffer location lies along the eastern edge of the Humboldt ridge and many geologists maintain that any big production in the Forest City basin will be found along the eastern side of the Fault line, or ridge.

Y Man Leaves

Hearne To Corpus On Naval Base

E. W. Hearne, temporary manager of the Brownsville Y.M.C.A. for Fort Brown enlisted men will go to Corpus Christi Tuesday for a conference with Commander Mueller at the new Navy air base there.

Mr. Hearne was instructed by the national Y.M.C.A. council to go to Corpus Christi to confer with naval officials on enlargement of the Y.M.C.A. there to make room for several thousand navy men expected at the new base next March.

Former Hotel Owner Funeral Set Monday

McKINNEY, Tex.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held at Dallas Monday for J. L. Pfaff, 84, McKinney Hotel owner for 30 years and former state officer of the Knights of Pythias.

He died at a Dallas hospital Friday night.

JEWISH RITES TO BE STAGED

Chanukah Services Set For Valley

MERCEDES—Beginning the celebration of Chanukah, "The Feast of Lights or Rededication," a service will be conducted by the children of the Sunday school at Temple Beth Israel here Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p. m.

The Jewish festival commemorates the victory of the Jewish people over Antiochus, the king of Syria, in the second century B. C. Antiochus ascended the throne of Syria in 175 B. C., was a powerful and militant monarch, and extended his empire to the west as far as Egypt. Even as some are now, Antiochus then was afflicted with a totalitarian complex. An ardent follower of the Greek cultural and religious belief that he obtained in the Orient, he sought to impose it upon all his subject peoples. Among his conquests was the land of Palestine. When he took possession of Jerusalem, he drove the priests out of the temple, placed therein images and idols, sacrificed swine upon the sacred altars, and introduced the rites of pagan Hellenic mythology.

The Jewish people had accepted his political sovereignty but refused to permit the corruption of their religion. So they rallied around Judah, called the Maccabee, and gave battle. Though greatly inferior in numbers and equipment they finally after four years of warfare succeeded in driving out the Syrian invaders. Recovering possession of the Holy City, they removed the images and idols, purified the polluted altars of the sanctuary and rededicated the temple to the service of God.

The festival is a joyous one, celebrated in the homes and synagogues with prayer, plays or pageants.

Disney, Creator Of Mickey Mouse, Has Financial Trouble

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Walt Disney Productions, makers of the celebrated movie comics, entered the fiscal year September 30 with an operating loss of $259,796, a report mailed to stockholders shows. Curtailment of distributions, due largely to war conditions abroad, were listed as the principal reason.

Supplies Of Crude Oil Reported Lower

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Bureau of Mines reported stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum at the close of the week ended December 14 totaled 261,293,000 barrels, a net decrease of 359,000 barrels, compared with the previous week. Stocks of domestic oil decreased 560,000 barrels for the week and foreign crude increased 201,000 barrels.

Bus Strike Averted By Defense Groups

CLEVELAND—(AP)— Intervention by the National Defense Commission delayed threat of a strike by bus drivers for the Central, New York and Illinois Greyhound lines which originally was planned for Saturday.

Help Asked

Area Goodfellows To Give Toys

McALLEN — More than 800 Christmas packages will be distributed to needy McAllen children by the Goodfellows organization, Bill Becker said Saturday.

Becker asked that anyone who can spare the time join the Goodfellows and help distribute the packages, which will include toys, nuts and candy.

Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 75 will assist the Goodfellows. Those able and willing to help are asked to report Tuesday morning at the Goodfellows headquarters on Austin avenue.

"We need your assistance," Becker said. "Here's your chance to be a Goodfellow and help make a child happy Christmas."

Works Too Fast So Union After His Job

LONDON—(AP)—Workers in a factory turning out uniforms for the British Tommies struck because of continued employment of a cutter whom their union expelled on a charge of working too fast.

The National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers said the man violated union rules by cutting too many pairs of khaki pants per hour. The union said this endangered its standards of "output and craftsmanship."

Guests Of Bryants

HARLINGEN—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryant and family have as guests for the holidays Mrs. Bryant's sister, Mrs. Lura Brown and son, Leroy, who is a student at N.T.A. College, Arlington.

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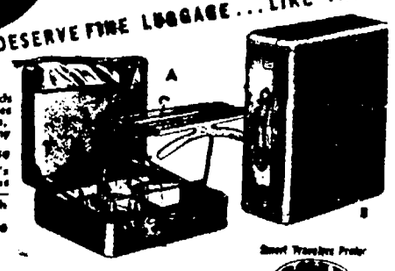

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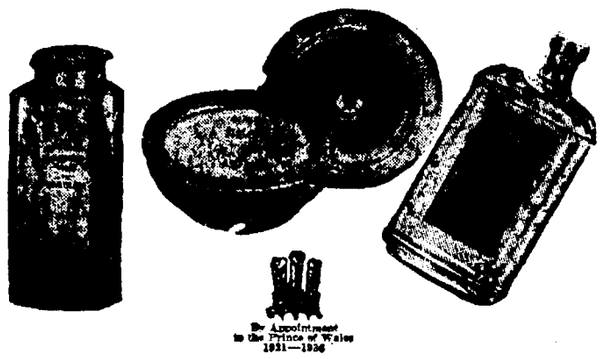

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Plays To Be Given During First Meets

Lions Clubs Handle Transportation

HARLINGEN—First practice for the Valley All-Star squads which will meet in the first Citrus Bowl game here next week, will be held Monday at 9 a. m., at Donna and Harlingen, coaches of the two teams, announced Saturday.

To Review Plays

Because of the weather, workouts on the practice fields likely cannot be held as soon as Monday. However, plays must be given the teams, so Monday's opening session likely will be taken up with plays and general skull drill.

It is expected that during the week, practice sessions will be held twice daily for the two all-senior squads, to keep them in shape, and to give them ample work on the plays to be used during the bowl contest.

C. J. ARNOLD
McAllen Guard

MEREDITH ROBERTS
McAllen Back

Despite the weather, ticket sales were reported good for the first four days of selling, the game tickets going on sale last Wednesday. Detailed reports were not available, however, from all of the 12 Lions clubs and other agencies selling the pasteboards.

Squads remained at 30 members for the Class A and B Saturday and 17 members for the Class AA, with others to be added soon to the AA group, possibly before Monday.

A-B Squad At Donna

The A and B squad, coached by Bob Martin of Mission and Ivo Schoppe of Donna, will practice at Donna, and includes the following representatives of Valley schools:

Donna: Peeples, Tomme, Richardso, Avila, Wills.

Mission: Guerra, Garza.

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo: Nusbaum, Johnson, Robie, Purdue, Villegas.

La Feria: Foust.

Weslaco: Hatchenberg, Kieddenger, Stevens.

Mercedes: Young, Seibert, Adame, Delaney, Dalton.

Raymondville: Bucy, Kluckman, Calloway.

Edcouch-Elsa: Covington, Snyder.

Lyford: Lagerstam, Haning, Ross, Wilson.

AA Squad In Harlingen

The Class AA squad, drawn from five schools, will practice at Harlingen. The team is coached by Dutch Flory of Harlingen and Brooks Conover of Brownsville. The team includes:

McAllen: Roberts, Snowden and Arnold.

Edinburg: Krohn, Nugent and Skinner.

San Benito: John, and Sosa.

Brownsville: MacManus, Reed, Reece, and Bennett.

Harlingen: Witherspoon, Livingstone, Queen, Jurosek, and McMahan.

14 Lettermen

McAllen Grid Awards Told By Stewart

McALLEN— Fourteen players on the 1940 McAllen High School football squad have been lettered, Coach Maco Stewart announced today. Seven reserve letters were given.

The lettermen follow:

Ends: George Strohmeyer and Ted McGuire.

Tackles: Frank Coleman, Maurice Hendricks and Jack Rochelle.

Guards: C. J. Arnold and Duane Jackson.

Center: Wilburn Smith.

Backs: Meredith Roberts, John Kelly, Walter Levermann, Ivan Snowden, Dick Wiesehan, Woodie Pride.

Reserve letters went to Hal Ramsey, end; Dean Davis, end; Billy Mitchell, guard; Dale Wylie, back; Charles Knops, center; Eddie Hatfield, back; Red Edmundson, guard.

Button Swan also received a letter as manager of the club and Bill Rawls a reserve letter as assistant manager.

The lettermen received purple and gold jackets, while the reserve lettermen got sweaters.

Statistics indicate more than 1,000,000 persons are exposed in the United States to the inhalation of silica dust.

AGGIE SECONDS DEFEAT FIRSTS NORTON TICKLED

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)— The Texas A. & M. second team handed the first team a 9-6 lacing in a regulation length practice football game here Saturday — and Coach Homer Norton of the Aggies said he liked it.

"I've wanted two teams all my life, and now it looks like I'll be able to play a fresh team every quarter at Dallas New Year's Day against Fordham."

Plan Is Made To Form Star Softball Ten

Hidalgo Club Will Book Top Foes

McALLEN—Plans were completed Saturday for formation of a Hidalgo County All-Star football team for the coming season, the club to play only strong up-state teams with the usual practice tilts scheduled here in the Valley.

Directors said they hoped to schedule at least one game a week with an up-state ten and possibly two games.

Seek Upstate Teams

Clubs contacted so far are Corpus Christi, Houston, San Antonio, Victoria, Freer, Laredo, Robstown, Austin, Sugarland, Wharton, Alice and Dallas.

The games will be played on different Valley diamonds to give every Valley fan a chance to see softball as it should be played.

Special Uniforms

On trips, the Hidalgo county club will carry 16 players. They will have a special uniform consisting of white jockey satin shirts and pants studded with large red and blue stars with the name "Valley All Stars" on the back. The socks will be red, white and blue striped, as will be the caps.

The team probably will begin workouts the early part of February, but an organization meeting has been called for January 3. The time and place of this meeting will be announced later. Thirty-three star performers have been mailed cards announcing the plans.

To Enter State Meet

Purpose of the all-county club is to shape up a strong ten to enter the state softball tournament usually held the latter part of August in some up-state city. Last year's meet was at Abilene, with El Paso taking high honors. Edinburg won the state title in 1938 by beating Austin in the finals. In 1939, Edinburg again represented the Valley, going to the quarter-finals before losing to Borger. Last season, the Sharyland TCX club went to the semi-finals, losing to the American Liberty Pipeliners at Dallas.

Performers who have been invited to join the squad follow:

Players Invited

Catchers, Jack Rucker, McAllen; Gene Harding, Rio Grande City; Max Cavazos, Edinburg; pitchers, Mike McKinney, Bill Southwell, Edinburg; Ben Davis, Engelman Gardens; Collins Stovall, Engelman Gardens; Monte Hetrick, Sharyland; Ray Tomlin, McAllen; first base, Melvin Hearne, Edinburg; McGlothin, Engelman Gardens; second base, Mitchell Bloomfield, Edinburg; Elmo Watson, McAllen; Ed McClaurighty, Engelman Gardens.

Shortstop, Jerry Stephens, Edinburg; Lopey Brownfield, Engelman Gardens; third base, Charlie Flindt, Sharyland; Roy Bass, Engelman Gardens; Shin Young, Edinburg; Ike Phillips, McAllen; Raymond Miller, San Juan; outfielders, Doug Presley, Edinburg; Bill Snider, Edinburg; John Brownfield, Engelman Gardens; McElihaney, Engelman Gardens; Art Bannworth, Sharyland; Ben Jackson, Jack Tomlin, Joe Gardiner, Ed Rucker, McAllen; George Strohmeyer, Sharyland; Alex Champion, Edinburg; Buck Hensen, Donna; managers, Abe Bloomfield, Edinburg; Gene Harding, Rio Grande City; Howard Aiken, Engelman Gardens; Clyde Salters, San Juan; Ray Tomlin, McAllen; Ed Hough, Mercedes; Art Bannworth, Sharyland.

Riggs, Aid Lose In Net Doubles

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— National Indoor Champion Bobby Riggs of Chicago and his teammate were eliminated in the doubles semi-finals of the Oklahoma Indoor Tennis Tournament Saturday night, in the meet's first major upset.

Ed Brown, Waco, Tex., and Gardner Larned, Chicago, toppled the favored Riggs and Wayne Sabin, Portland, Ore., 9-11, 6-4, 6-4. It was the first time Brown and Larned had teamed together.

Brown and Larned thus go into the doubles finals Sunday night against Frank Kovaks and Norman Brooks, both of Oakland, Calif. Kovaks and Brooks advanced to the finals by defeating Charles Hare, England, and Hal Surface, Kansas City, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Billy Conn Signs Up For Bout With Louis

NEW YORK — (AP) — Billy Conn, Pittsburgh's light-heavyweight champion, signed Saturday for a crack at the heavyweight crown of Joe Louis in a bout to be promoted by Mike Jacobs next June.

No site was designated for the bout, although it generally was expected to be staged in New York.

Tea stocks in Finland were confiscated as from November 1 as a preliminary to rationing.

Footwork Bad On Ice

Lew Jenkins looked better than this Friday night when he fought to a draw with Fritzie Zivic in a non-title bout. The lightweight champ from Sweetwater, Texas, discovered ice technique is quite different from boxing. Just the same, Lew (center) had a good time with his wife, and brother, Earnest, when they cut a few capers on the ice.

Thomason Wouldn't Trade His Blocking For Anything

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)—"Old Percheron," the warped-legged lad who operated the traffic lights on the Texas Aggies' crunching drive to football glory, wouldn't have it any other way.

No, sir, Jim Thomason wouldn't trade one ripping body block "that you can just feel," for a 50-yard touchdown canter. Unless, he grins, the Aggies needed the touchdown.

Retiring and genteel off the field, Jim Thomason is the impregnable shield for an offense that has carried the Aggies into the Cotton Bowl against Fordham on New Year's Day.

Finest combination line backer and blocking back in Southwest Conference history in the minds of Southwest coaches, the tireless blond boy has been blocking out front of Jarrin' John Kimbrough and other Aggie backs for three years.

Twice All-Conference back, Jim finally got his highest recognition the other day. He was placed on the third Associated Press All-America team—just about as high as blocking backs climb in a game too crowded with stunning ball carriers who hog headlines.

Jim is the "stop-and-go" boy of the Aggie offense. His blocking is the difference between gains and losses.

"I get a tremendous kick out of blocking—more than I would out of carrying the ball. I really enjoy hitting 'em.

"And say, did you ever stop to think they're not looking me up—that I'm out looking them up? Nothing feels better than contact, the delivery of a good block.

"Too much has been said about me 'making John Kimbrough. It isn't true. That boy can run, blocking or no blocking. If I've helped him along in spots—fine. But he is sort of a one-man gang himself, you know."

Slouched in a chair, stroking the battered nose that has been broken seven times in the pursuit of football happiness, was the other half of a strange Aggie combination — Center Tommie Vaughn.

Thirteen years ago, down in Brownwood, Texas, Jim Thomason and Tommie Vaughn started playing football together. They have gone through two years of war school footballing, three years of junior high, four years of high school and four years of college together. Never have they been separated.

Now they are roommates in college. Both are majors on the staff of the 6,500 student R.O.T.C. cadet corps. Both are students of the marketing and financing course. Both intend to seek admittance to the U. S. Army when they receive second lieutenant's commissions upon graduation in June.

"Tommie's just a shade bashful," confided Vaughn. "He's a great blocker. But say, so is this Kimbrough guy. He isn't just a crashing runner, he can block too. Hits 'em hard, bowls 'em over and falls under 'em.

"Tommie won't tell you, but you know what Kimbrough says about Thomason? That he's the greatest football player in the world today."

The great little center, who like Thomason, has been an Aggie regular for three years, continued:

"But there's something else that has made this present Aggie team successful. The defense of our line has done it. Our line has been very hard to handle. Of course, we have had confidence in our own running game. There isn't a boy on our club who doesn't honestly believe that we can take the ball and run over anybody."

Concluded Thomason:

"We all started together, and you won't find a better bunch of boys. All of us are young, and we've worked hard to get along."

Blood transfusions saved the lives of 1,500 wounded men during the Russo-Finnish war, statisticians in Finland report.

Officials In Bowl Listed

New Orleans To Have South, East Men

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)—A proposal that neutrals officiate in the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl football classic here between Tennessee and Boston College was converted Saturday into a South and East selection which won general approval.

The suggestion of neutrals was made by Head Coach Frank Leahy of Boston College who said he thought a post season game "might be handled better" by four officials who had worked together as a team in an outside conference.

Leahy made it clear his plan was only a suggestion and said the officials selected were "absolutely satisfactory" to him.

The officials announced by A. N. Goldberg, president of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association which sponsors the game, as follows:

Referee, James (Buck) Cheves (Georgia).

Umpire, Fred J. Murray (Georgetown).

Headlinesman, G. M. "Pup" Phillips (Ga. Tech).

Field Judge, Raymond J. Barbuti (Syracuse).

Meantime, Leahy gave his squad a morning and afternoon workout Saturday at Bay St. Louis, Miss., east of New Orleans, while Tennessee was preparing to jump into intensive practice next week.

Boudreau Is Voted Top Rookie Of 1939

CHICAGO —(AP)— Louis Boudreau, Cleveland's brilliant young shortstop, was voted as the outstanding rookie of the major leagues for the 1940 season Saturday by the Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

He will receive the J. Louis Comiskey memorial award at the chapter's annual dinner, January 7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Oklahoma City U. 57, Eastern New Mexico 24.

Oregon State 27, Denver 20.

St. Mary's 43, Texas A. & M. 42.

Marquette 40, Wisconsin 30.

Purdue 50, Loyola 35.

Mich. State 46, Ohio State 38.

Iowa 37, Detroit 35.

St. John's Univ. 45, Oklahoma Univ. 41.

Colorado College 56, New Mexico 39.

Iowa State 43, Grinnell 37.

Minnesota 43, Nebraska 36.

Northwestern 48, Pittsburgh 28.

Michigan 32, Butler 25.

Southern California 23, Oklahoma Aggies 25.

New York Univ. 49, Syracuse 42.

Oregon 57, Bradley 45.

Ill. State Normal 37, Univ. of California at Los Angeles 21.

North Dakota University 31; Aberdeen Northern Teachers 23

Milwaukee Teachers 58; Wayne (Neb) 38

Exhibition Basketball

Univ. of Arkansas 38, Phillip "66" Oilers 24.

Southwest Grid Offensive Leaders Behind 1939 Highs

By GAIL FOWLER

SEATTLE —(AP)— Individual stars among a dozen "major" Southwest schools generally fell short of 1939 leadership figures in 1940 statistics being compiled by the American Football Statistical Bureau for its annual yearbook.

Owen Price of Texas Mines bettered last year's punting record and tied the 1939 high scoring mark, while Jack Crain of Texas tied last year's high number of interception returns.

Total offensive honors went to Pete Layden of Texas, a workhorse who figured in 232 plays, gaining 424 yards rushing and 581 in the air for 1,005 yards.

Jarrin' John Kimbrough, Texas A. and M.'s All-American fullback and the section's leading scorer in 1939, was the leading rusher in 1940 collecting 611 yards in 162 plays for an average of 3.7 per crack.

Perhaps the oddest total offense record was turned in by Harold Hamberg, smallest back among the Arkansas Razorbacks. He registered a minus 11 yards from rushing, but his 757 yards from forward passing netted him 746 yards and seventh place.

Individual statistical leaders, with 1939 leaders in parentheses:

Total offense—Pete Layden, Texas, 1,005 yards (Eakin, Arkansas, 1,344).

Rushing offense — John Kimbrough, Texas A. and M., 611 yards. (Black, Arizona, 630.)

Passing offense—Ray Mallouf, Southern Methodist, 54 completions, (Eakin, Arkansas, 78.)

Pass receiving—Phil Roach, Texas Christian, 29. (Looney, T.C.U., 29.)

Kickoff returns—Joe Price, Rice, 230 yards. (Bynum, Centenary, 287.)

Punt returns—Bill Conaster, Texas A. and M., 338 yards (Moser, Texas A. and M., 404.)

Interception returns—Jack Crain, Texas, 7. (Black, Arizona, 7.)

Punting—(15 or more)—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 48 per punt. (Eakin, Arkansas, 38.25.)

Scoring—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 60. (Kimbrough, Texas A. and M. 60.)

Okla. Aggies Meet Texans

Sooners Defending Tourney Title

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—Headlining the first day's pairings of this year's Oklahoma City all-college basketball tournament which opens Thursday will be a contest between the defending champion Oklahoma Aggies and Texas A. and M.

Only twice in the five-year history of the meet has the Cowboy team tasted defeat. In 1938, the Warrensburg, Mo., Teachers beat them at their own slow, deliberate game, a blow so stunning that the Oklahomans promptly lost the next night too, to Baylor in a playoff for third and fourth places. The Teachers, meanwhile, had moved on to take the championship.

Warrensburg's team, which only got as far as fourth place last year, is bracketed against Texas Tech's Red Raiders in another opening day game this year.

Six other games drawn Saturday also were set for Thursday, giving all 16 entries action on the first day.

The pairings:

1 p. m.—West Texas, Canyon, vs. University of Tulsa.

2 p. m.—Southwestern (Okla.) State, Durant, vs. Baylor, Waco, Tex.

3:30 p. m.—East Central (Okla.) State, Ada, vs. New Mexico Mines, Socorro.

4:45 p. m.—Oklahoma City University vs. University of Wyoming, Laramie.

6:30 p. m.—Springfield (Mo.) Teachers vs. University of Texas, Austin.

7:45 p. m.—Warrensburg (Mo.) Teachers vs. Texas Tech, Lubbock.

9 p. m.—Oklahoma A. and M., Stillwater, vs. Texas A. and M., College Station.

10:15 p. m.—Texas Christian, Fort Worth, vs. Pittsburg (Kan.) Teachers.

Arkansas Five Tops Champions

LITTLE ROCK —(AP)— An "Iron Man" quintet from the University of Arkansas, playing without substitutions, smashed the powerful Phillips "66" Oilers from Bartlesville, Okla., National AAU Champions, 38 to 24 here Saturday night to keep its unbeaten record perfect.

The Arkansas lads held the Oklahomans on even terms to finish the first half 16-16 and then came from behind in the second period to win going away. No man on the floor measured less than six feet and Arkansas' perfect combination averaged six feet, six inches.

John Adams, Southwest Conference top scorer in 1939 scored 19 points to lead the Porkers.

16 Cagers Out For Edcouch-Elsa Quint

EDCOUCH—Training for basketball has started at the Edcouch-Elsa High School with 16 boys having reported for play. Those who have come out are J. C. Stewart, Elwin Snyder, Elma Crenshaw, Gene Vittetoe, Stanley Odom, Guy De Wald, Roland Coffman, Truitt Baucum, Clovis Shepherd, Glenn Farris, Glenn Baird, James Jarrett, Darrell Cummings, James Nolley, Roland Roser, and Johnny Williams.

The Yellow Jackets will build their team around one former letterman and two squad men.

McAllen Man Kills Big 8-Point Buck

McALLEN—J. E. Smith of McAllen killed an 8-point buck on the Earl Houts pasture north of Mission Friday morning. The animal weighed about 165 pounds and was one of the heaviest 8-pointers seen here.

Smith also bagged a deer last season.

Bullfight Postponed

REYNOSA—(AP)—The bullfight, to have been staged here Sunday, has been postponed because of rainy weather, it was announced Saturday night.

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Sooner Net Tourney To End Sunday

Riggs, Kovacs Are Meet Favorites

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— Eight seeded players took charge of singles and doubles events in the Oklahoma Indoor Tennis Tournament Saturday night, after eliminating all Sooner state contestants.

Hal Surface, Kansas City, defeated Gardner Larned, Chicago, in the singles quarterfinals, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Riggs Vs. Surface

Surface's opponent in the semi-finals Sunday afternoon will be Bobby Riggs, Chicago, national indoor champion.

Riggs eliminated Charles Hare, of England, 7-5, 6-3, in Saturday night's quarter finals.

Wayne Sabin, Portland, Ore., defeated Norman Brooks, Oakland, Calif., 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the semi-finals against Frank Kovacs, Oakland, Calif.

Kovacs disposed of Ed Brown, Waco, Tex., 7-5, 6-2, in the quarterfinals.

Riggs, Kovacs Favored

On the basis of their one-two ranking, Riggs and Kovacs are favored in some quarters as the singles finalists Sunday night. Sabin however, is seeded No. 3, and Surface is next.

The seeded players teamed to sweep through first and second round matches for Saturday night's semi-finals doubles matches, in which Hare and Surface met Kovacs and Brooks, while Riggs and Sabin met Larned and Brown. Doubles finals will be Sunday night.

Doubles results, quarterfinals:

Riggs and Sabin defeated Paul Bryant, Oklahoma City, and Joe Adams, Waco, Tex., 6-2, 6-4.

Larned and Brown defeated Bill McMurray and Carl Mitchell, both of Oklahoma City, 6-1, 6-2.

Kovacs and Brooks defeated Gus Craigo and John Patterson, both of Durant, Okla., 6-3, 6-3.

Hare and Surface defeated Ed Overholser, Oklahoma City, and Frank McElwee, Fort Smith, Ark., 6-2, 6-4.

First round:

Riggs and Sabin defeated Stanley Draper and Bill Dietrich, both of Oklahoma City, 6-1, 6-2.

Larned and Brown defeated Eddie Dowlen and Wallace Meador, both of Dallas, 6-0, 6-1.

Hare and Surface defeated Randal Clark, Tulsa, and Paul Darrough, Oklahoma City, 6-0, 6-4.

Kovacs and Brooks defeated George Ritchey and E. L. Douglas, both of Denton, Tex., 6-1, 6-2.

Minimum Age Set

Semi-Pros Cannot Be Under 17

ST. LOUIS —(AP)— An age minimum of 17 years for youths competing under the sanction of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress was announced Saturday by George Sisler, semi-pro commissioner.

Sisler, former star first baseman for the St. Louis Browns, said the age limit will be enforced to avoid conflict with the American Legion program.

"The American Legion sponsored game has a definite place in baseball. It gives the youth that competitive spirit and early training so necessary if he plans to continue in the game."

Sisler explained that in recent years many youngsters had been attracted to semi-pro ranks because of the chance to perform and learn from older players, many of them former major league players.

Eagles Honored

Mission Club Guests For Barbecue

MISSION—Prospects for the 1941 football season were reviewed Friday night when members of the 1940 Mission Eagles football team and their coaches were honor guests at a steak barbecue given by the Mission Lions Club and the Mission Fire Department. Ray Landry, fire chief, and member of the Lions Club, was official host for the party which was given at the fire station. Seventy-five honor guests and members of the two host units were in the party.

Coach Bob Martin introduced his assistants, C. D. Jarvis and Fritz Lehnhoff, terming the latter his "fifth columnist" who acted as chief scout at games of opposing teams. Five of the 1940 team will be graduated or ineligible next season, Martin said, but prospects for a good season are more than favorable, he said.

June Hedges, drum major of the high school band, was introduced as the team sweetheart. Talks were made by Landry and D. L. Rankin, Lions president, lauding the spirit of the team as shown in the past season when they won the district championship.

St. Mary's Tops Aggies 43 To 42

SAN ANTONIO —(AP)— The St. Mary's University Rattlers, after losing by a two-point margin in the first game, turned the tables on the Texas A. & M. basketball team here Saturday night by taking a tight 43 to 42 victory that evened the two-night series. A. & M. won a thrilling opener Friday night 34 to 32.

Kenneth Croswell, tall St. Mary's center, sank the only free throw of the night for his team, and that one point, made three minutes before the end of the game, eventually turned out to be the slim margin of victory. He racked up seven field goals that gave him high point honors with 15.

St. Mary's jumped into the lead five minutes before the end of the game, after the score was tied 16-16 at the half, and led by no more than a three point margin after that.

With 40 seconds to go, Charlie Stevenson brought A. & M. up to 43-42 with a field goal, but St. Mary's froze the ball in the remaining seconds.

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YANKS AND REBS TO FIGHT AGAIN IN GRID BATTLE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (AP) — Northern and Southern forces began priming Saturday for December 26, when they collide in the third annual Blue and Gray All-Star football game here.

The Grays of Dixie concentrated on aerial stabs, the Yankees on off-tackle smashes and end sweeps.

Coaches Carl Snavely of Cornell and Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern, co-handlers of the "Blues" for the third time, pronounced their charges "absolutely the finest and best balanced group we've had here." Jess neely of Rice and Ray Wolf of North Carolina were equally well pleased with their Southern club.

Owen Goodnight, of Hardin-Simmons, shot strikes to Paul Severin, North Carolina, Hal Newman, Alabama's captain, and other end receivers.

Scorps vs. Stars

Cage Game Set For Harlingen Gym

HARLINGEN — The Brownsville Junior College Scorpions will play the Port Isabel All-Stars at 8 p.m. Monday in the Harlingen high school gymnasium, it was announced Saturday.

The Port Isabel basketballers are said to be made up of former college and high school stars.

The Scorps have won four games out of six played, losing only to A. and I. College at Kingsville and to the Satex Feed Company independent team at San Antonio.

Four Harlingen boys are on the Scorpion team including Roy Bowen, Bud Breedlove, Harold Snell and Bill Nance. Other players include Tom Marchbanks, San Benito; Butch Barnard, Speed Stuart and Eddie Boye of Brownsville.

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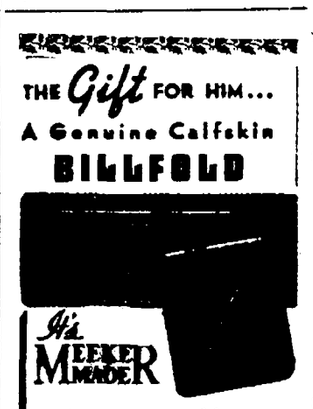

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Amarillo, Temple Win Right To Meet In Schoolboy Grid Final

Sandies Take 14 To 7 Win Over Masons

Little Rascals Give Amarillo Battle

AMARILLO—(AP)—Those amazing football boys of Masonic Home engaged the Golden Sandstorm of Amarillo here Saturday and fought the most stirring battle against odds ever seen on Butler Field before going down, 14 to 7.

A crowd of 10,000 was stunned by the Masons' ability to withstand the terrific pounding.

Foes Cheer Masons

While it was apparent from the start the Masons had little chance to overcome the Sandstorm, they made such a gallant stand that the partisan throng was happy when they finally scored in the last minute of play.

The Sandstorm, still the hard-punching crew it has been through its undefeated and untied season, scored near the end of the first period, a pass interception setting up the touchdown. M. T. Johnson, 150-pound field general, ran back a Masonic Home pass 41 yards. Seeley, the Masons' safety, bringing him down on the four. On his second try, Johnson lunged over tackle and Boone Baker added the extra point.

Rascals Defend Goal

The second and third periods were a dog-fight with the Masons rising to heights each time their goal line was threatened.

In the fourth, the Sandstorm completed a 54-yard march begun in the third quarter and iced the contest when Otto Payne, fullback, plunged over from the four-yard line.

The Masons, who used only two substitutes, were expected to be worn out by this time. But they held off two Sandstorm threats and launched an aerial attack to score.

Passes Set Up Score

The ball on their 36 after a punt out and with C. D. Sealey pitching strikes, Teague Roberts, halfback, swirled to Amarillo's 40. There Sealey faded back and heaved a long pass which Roberts caught on the Sandies' 10-yard line and was tackled only two yards short of the goal. Gordy Brown, fullback, faked a smash at the middle and then aired out around Amarillo's left end for the score. Ray Coulter, end, place-kicked the extra point.

Starting lineups:

Amarillo	Pos.	Mas. Home
Redus	LE	Roach
Warner	LT	D. Coulter
Moss	LG	Cagle
Burden	C	Robbins
Tizart	RG	Moseley
Pace	RT	Lewis
Wooten	RE	R. Coulter
Greathouse	QB	Sealey
Johnson	LH	Roberts
Baker	RH	Smith
Payne	FB	Brown

Score by periods:

Amarillo	8	0	0	7	—14
Masonic Home	0	0	0	6	— 7

Amarillo scoring: Touchdowns, Johnson, Payne; points from try after touchdown, Baker (placement), Clark (placement).

Masonic Home scoring: Touchdown, Brown; point from try after touchdown, R. Coulter.

Highway Accidents In Texas Are Well Ahead Of Past Year

AUSTIN, Tex.—(AP)—With Texas' 11-month traffic fatalities 9 per cent ahead of the same period last year, safety department officials feared the 1940 toll would reach 1,733.

Deaths through November were 1,545, only 38 less than 1939's complete record.

Accidents normally increase in December and based on past experience approximately 150 road deaths might be charged up this month.

Stanford Is Ready For Rainy Contest

PALO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—Stanford's football players, who won the Rose Bowl nomination with victories on nine sunny Saturdays, practiced for two hours in the rain Saturday and came up with the declaration that "we're ready for any kind of weather."

LSU Cagers Defeat TAAF Title Quintet

PORT ARTHUR —(AP)— Sharpshooting Griff Vance, who caged 20 points, paced Louisiana State University basketeers to a 54-44 victory here Saturday night over Gulf Oilers of Port Arthur.

The local team was State T.A.A.F. Champion last year. Mike Seale, former Rice Institute star, made 21 points for the Oilers.

Site Of Final Tilt Will Be Set Sunday

FORT WORTH —(AP)— Amarillo and Temple school officials will meet here Sunday to decide the site of the state schoolboy football championship game.

The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. (Blackstone Hotel.)

While nothing official has been said, indications were that Fort Worth was the leading contender.

Cowboy Musicians To Attend Inaugural

ABILENE—(AP)—The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band will accompany the Texas delegation of postmasters and Democrats on a special train to the third term inaugural of President Roosevelt in Washington January 20, it was announced Saturday.

Promptness Won Shaughnessy First Big Job

Rockne, Morrison, Bible Too Late At Tulane

By MORTIMER KREEGER

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— Clark Shaughnessy, who led Stanford from football's scrap heap to the Rose Bowl this year, got his first major coaching position when a couple of other applicants—including Knute Rockne—couldn't make the train trip south for an interview at Tulane University.

Dana X. Bible and "Uncle Charlie" Moran wanted the job, too, and Dan McGugin tried his darndest to land it for Ray Morrison.

But Rockne and Morrison couldn't get to New Orleans, and the Tulane authorities wanted to see the man they hired. Bible applied too late. So Shaughnessy took a quick trip south and got the job.

No, this isn't any nightmare caused by reading too many stories about bowls and bowl teams. It's exactly what happened when Tulane needed a new head coach back in 1915.

At Tulane 11 Years

Shaughnessy remained at Tulane for 11 years, except for one season's absence. His stay was climaxed by an unbeaten team which declined a Rose Bowl invitation in 1925.

Correspondence relating to the filling of the position was made public by Sumter D. Marks, Jr., prominent New Orleans attorney and former Tulane quarterback, who as secretary of the Tulane Athletic Association handled the communications with prospects and their references.

Tulane had a maximum of $2,000 a year to spend for a head coach to handle football, basketball and track.

Shaughnessy and Rockne were recommended by the Specialists' Educational Bureau of St. Louis, a teachers' employment agency which Tulane asked for suggestions. Both held subordinate coaching positions at their respective alma maters after brilliant playing careers.

Gives Experience

Tulane invited them to apply. Shaughnessy, assistant to Doc Williams at Minnesota, wrote with his application:

"My experience as a football player and coach was acquired at the University of Minnesota where I was a member of the second team in 1910, and of the varsity in 1911, 1912 and 1913 and of the coaching staff in 1914. As a player I was an end in 1910 and 1911, tackle and guard in 1912 and fullback in 1913. . . ."

The specialists' bureau wrote also:

"Mr. Knute Rockne has been offered $1,500 to remain at Notre Dame but you can secure him, I believe, my prompt action at $1,600."

Rockne's application form gave $1,500 to $1,800" as the lowest salary he would accept. It outlined his playing career, which included three years at varsity end, some service in the backfield, and the last year (1913) as captain. He played baseball and basketball also, and was on the track team. Both men listed their best track and field performances, and Shaughnessy's were consistently better.

Rockne Too Busy

Marks asked Rockne to come to New Orleans for an interview, but the applicant, preparing his track team for the Drake Relays and other important meets, wrote on April 3, 1915:

"I will be quite busy until after the Western Conference meeting in June, hence the authorities here are unwilling to allow me the time off which a trip to New Orleans would necessitate."

Norman Standlee (left), Shaughnessy's powerful fullback at Stanford, gets some pre-game instructions from the man who brought the Indians from the Coast Conference cellar to the Rose Bowl.

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Marks answered on April 13: "As you cannot make the trip to New Orleans it will be impossible for us to consider your application."

Shaughnessy, asked to come for an interview, wired back that he was taking the first available train.

Bible was coaching at Mississippi College, and on April 1 wrote Marks asking him to mail the contract for the Tulane-Mississippi College game the following fall. After the signature comes this:

"P.S. Will Tulane University be in need of a coach and athletic director for next season? If not will they need an assistant?"

Waited Too Long

He was told that the board had proceeded so far with examination of applications on hand that it could not entertain new ones.

There was much correspondence with Dan McGugin, at Vanderbilt, who recommended Ray Morrison, then coaching at Branham and Hughes School in Spring Hill, Tenn.

He wrote that Morrison had "just about closed a contract" with "Southern Methodist University, which I believe is located at Dallas."

McGugin said Morrison was still available to Tulane, but he was rejected when he could not leave his teaching duties for a personal appearance.

McGugin later wrote that if Shaughnessy did not prove satisfactory, "I suggest that you keep your eye on Mr. Morrison, as in my opinion he is a very unusual man."

Moran, who was just leaving the job of coach at Texas A. and M., applied unsuccessfully. He then went to Centre College where he developed the great Bo McMillin.

A sequel to the story came only a few days ago when Marks' young daughter, hearing her father had a part in rejecting Rockne's services, declared:

"Daddy, I bet if you'd seen the movie you would have hired him."

Buc Cripples Lose 28 To 0 To Wildcats

Dusek Big Hero Of Temple's Win

CORPUS CHRISTI —(AP)— Temple's Wildcats crashed into the state schoolboy football finals by brushing aside the Corpus Christi Buccaneers 28-0 here Saturday before a crowd that threatening weather cut from an anticipated 12,000 to 7,000.

Next week the "comeback kids" of the 1940 race will meet Amarillo for the title, marking Temple's first appearance in the championship game.

Bucs Threaten Early

Held in their own territory during most of the first quarter in which Corpus Christi made its only excursion into Temple's part of the field, Temple roared into action with a crushing ground attack and timely passes that produced one touchdown in the second period, two in the third and one in the last minute of the game.

Spearhead of the ground offense was Ed Dusek, 185-pound halfback who scored two touchdowns and converted three points afterward.

Temple Aerial Scores

An 80-yard drive brought the first tally, with Dusek powering forward, the Wildcats moved from their own 20 to the Buc 44 as the first period closed. On the second play of the next quarter, Dotty McLerran faded and hurled a long pass that Thelbert Hardt, tall end, took on his finger tips on the Corpus Christi 30 and went on across. Dusek kicked the point.

Temple scored again on the second play after the kickoff that started the third quarter. With the ball on the Wildcat 30, a big hole was opened in the middle of the line for Dusek as he raced 70 yards for the tally, then added the extra point.

Dusek Scores Again

A Corpus Christi flat zone pass that boomeranged gave the visitors their third touchdown in the same period. With the ball on the Buc 84, Quarterback Joe Clark tossed this aerial intended for Halfback Trenton Fowler, but Dusek intercepted and ran it back 52 yards for the score. Again Dusek kicked the extra point.

Just before the game ended, Temple, in running plays, moved from the Buc 40 to the 29, and then Lefty Byers tossed to E. Morris, who in turn lateraled to H. E. Lagrone, who traveled 15 yards for the counter. A pass from Byers to E. Morris produced the extra point.

Starting lineups:

Temple	Pos.	Corpus Christi
Allen	LE	Bacak
Attaway	LT	Hamon
Heap	LG	Brown
Martin	C	Kavoras
Marinik	RG	Isenberger
G. Morris	RT	Mitchell
Hardt	RE	Sturdivant
Speer	QB	Clark
Hill	LH	White
Dusek	RH	Fowler
Mclerran	FB	Haynie

Score by periods:

Temple	7	0	14	7	—28
Corpus Christi	0	0	0	0	— 0

Temple scoring: touchdowns, Hardt, Dusek 2, Lagrone; points from try after touchdown, Dusek 3 (placement), E. Morris (pass).

Advertising Fills Kansas Guard With Too Many Recruits

COFFEYVILLE, Kan.—(AP)—Capt. Braum L. Bentley of Battery B, 127th Field Artillery has been added to the more enthusiastic endorsers of advertising for what one wants.

Worried because the Coffeyville National Guard unit lacked 58 men of a full complement, Captain Bentley two weeks ago inserted a series of small display advertisements in a Coffeyville newspaper suggesting that young men who likely would be called for military training anyway join Battery B.

Now the battery, soon to go to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., is full, and late comers are being turned away.

Last Cotton Bowl Tickets To Be Mailed Sunday Night

DALLAS—(AP)—The last of the Cotton Bowl tickets for the Fordham-Texas Aggie game here New Year's Day will be in the mails Sunday night, Dan D. Rogers, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, said Saturday.

Rogers, taking note of many complaints from people wanting $4.40 tickets after the supply of those top-priced seats had been exhausted, said:

"To put it mildly, there has been some very harsh criticism of Cotton Bowl officials from persons who sent in applications for $4.40 seats and whom we had to send $3.30 tickets instead.

"I should like to say that officials of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association have done their very best for the buying public.

Applications ran ten times as large as the supply.

"But we will be very happy to refund the money of any ticket purchaser who is not satisfied with the location of his seats. There are thousands of people begging for seats anywhere in the bowl."

WEATHER

(Official U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast)

The Valley: Cloudy, with occasional rains Sunday and Monday. Strong northwesterly winds, diminishing Sunday.

LOUISIANA: Partly cloudy to cloudy Sunday and Monday, occasional light rains in extreme south portion Sunday, and south and central portions Monday, not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh, occasionally strong, north and northeast winds on the coast.

ARKANSAS: Fair to partly cloudy Sunday and Monday, somewhat warmer Sunday.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy over north portion, cloudy over south portion, with occasional rains over southeast portion unday; Monday mostly cloudy, occasional rains over south and east portions, not much change in temperature. Strong northwesterly winds on lower coast, diminishing Sunday, and fresh to occasionally strong north and northeast winds on upper coast.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours preceding yesterday at 6:30 a. m.

STATION	Highest last 24 hours	Lowest last night	Precipitation (inches)
Abilene	59	32	.00
Albuquerque	43	20	.00
Amarillo	57	29	.00
Albany, N. Y.	41	36	.70
Atlanta	52	42	.03
Boston	46	39	.03
Chicago	38	31	.00
Cincinnati	55	33	.00
Cleveland	48	31	.00
Corpus Christi	61	55	.10
Del Rio	66	51	.00
Denver	45	26	.00
Detroit	43	34	.00
Dodge City	34	34	.00
El Paso	60	29	.00
Fort Smith	58	33	.00
Fort Worth	59	33	.00
Galveston	61	55	.25
Havre, Mont.	54	34	.00
Huron	42	23	.00
Kansas City	50	28	.00
Los Angeles	71	58	.00
Memphis	49	37	.00
Miami	79	65	.00
Mobile	62	50	.00
Mpls. St. P.	33	19	.00
New Orleans	60	55	.00
New York	47	38	.00
Norfolk	54	45	.00
North Platte	—	—	.00
Oklahoma City	54	32	.00
Palestine	63	46	.00
Phoenix	68	40	.00
Pittsburg	48	41	.00
St. Louis	55	30	.00
Salt Lake City	29	23	.00
San Antonio	61	56	.00
Shreveport	65	40	.00
Tampa	76	68	.11
Washington	39	33	.00
Williston	39	27	.00
Wilmington, N. C.	57	33	.33

FRUIT STATIONS	Highest	Lowest	Precipitation (inches)
—TEXAS—			
Brownsville (City)	63	57	1.42
Brwville Airport	64	59	1.50
Harlingen	65	55	1.10
Raymondville	64	55	.66
Weslaco Exp. Sta.	64	56	.94
Mission	66	55	2.72
Falfurrias	62	58	.26
Laredo	61	55	.67
Carrizo Springs	63	54	.04
—FLORIDA—			
Bartow	78	65	.16
Belle Glade	81	65	.00
Eustis	77	60	.35
Fort Myers	83	67	.00
Gainesville	73	54	.29
Hastings	77	58	.39
Orlando	79	58	.41
—CALIFORNIA—			
Oroville	59	50	.00
Salinas	missing		
Lindsay	66	38	.00
Santa Barbara	66	48	.00
Riverside	68	44	.00
Escondido	69	38	.00
Imperial	71	43	.00

Grid Stars Visit Kids

East-West Squads To Begin Practice

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP).— All-America Toom Harmon and 21 teammates who comprise the Eastern squad, arrived here Saturday to begin practice for the 16th annual East-West Shriners' charity football classic on New Year's Day.

The Easterners, headed by Co-Coaches Andy Kerr of Colgate and Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, detrained in a steady drizzle of rain.

Players of both the East and West squads joined for a visit to the crippled children's hospital. Harmon was the big attraction for the youngsters. The ace halfback was flanked by three other players of All-America status, Francis Reagan of the University of Pennsylvania, a backfield running mate of Harmon; and two Western luminaries, Paul Christman, University of Missouri pass thrower and Dudy Mucha, husky center from the University of Washington.

The Western team, coached by Matty Bell of Southern Methodist and Orin Hollingbery of Washington State, will move to practice headquarters at Stanford University Sunday. The Easterners will shift over to Berkeley and begin training on the University of California field Monday.

A pine branch with a rope attached at each end is considered one of the best chimney-cleaning tools.

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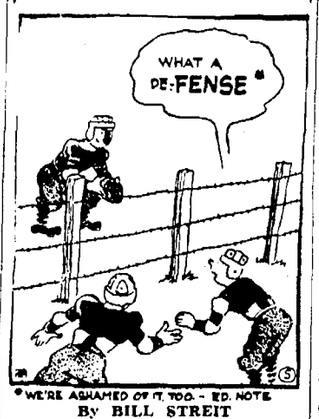

*WE'RE ASHAMED OF IT, TOO. - ED. NOTE

By BILL STREIT

Veteran Gridiron Official
AP Feature Service

I was field judge in the 1929 Rose Bowl game in which Roy Riegels, California center, made his now famous wrong-way run but topping Riegels' deed, I think, is a play that occurred while I was a player at Washington and Lee in 1907.

Playing Bucknell at Lynchburg, Va., we had the ball on our three-yard line. The ball was at one side of the field and almost touching our backs was a high barbed wire fence.

The fence was so close we couldn't kick so I asked the officials to move the ball to the other side of the field. When they refused I ordered our punter back of the wire fence. The center stood sideways and tossed the ball over the fence to the punter. The latter had locked the gate, as he went back, and when he received the ball he waited until our team was far down the field. Then he kicked while the Bucknell boys were trying to break down the fence and get back to him. Washington and Lee recovered the ball, making a handsome gain.

Bucknell complained that the rules did not at that time prevent such a procedure and the officials were compelled to allow the play to stand.

Coal Is Analyzed To Determine War Uses

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The defense commission announced it had approved the making of a detailed analysis of coal from the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma-Arkansas mine area to determine whether it is suitable for manufacture of ammonia and smokeless powder.

Officials said the analysis would begin as soon as possible, neither the time nor the mines where the tests will begin have been determined definitely.

Three Deaths Break Dallas' 1940 Record

DALLAS —(AP)— Three deaths in an automobile - interurban crash here probably shattered Dallas' chance at first place for cities of its class in the national safety race this year, Police Chief J. M. Welch said.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Elmo Cody, 27, and her two nephews, Donald and Lyman Cody, 3 and 5, victims of the wreck while on their way to visit a downtown Santa Claus.

The accident brought to 21 the Dallas 1940 traffic death toll.

New peaks of diabetic incidence are discernible in the United States, medical statistics indicate.

Unsung Mississippi State Gridders May Grab Glory

STATE COLLEGE, Miss.—(AP)—Both the Georgetown Hoyas and Mississippi State Maroons boast stars of national reputation but there's an even chance that one of the underrated boys will come through for State to grab the headlines in the Orange Bowl game at Miami, Fla., on January 1.

Senior Toxie Tullos, who teamed with Center Ben Griffin to give the Maroons one of the finest line backing combines in the South, will offer a strong scoring threat in the Miami classic.

Tullos scored four touchdowns during the 1940 campaign, ranging from a drive of five yards against Ole Miss to a 61-yard sprint in the Howard game. Charley Yancey, 18-year-old understudy to Toxie, flashed a warning of his offense might in the Alabama game when he plunged 22 yards through the big Tide team.

The wingbacks, Walter Craig and Johnny Black, can't be overlooked on the dope charts for this pair of fast stepping "reversers" each scored 30 points to top the famed tailbacks, Johnson and Jefferson, who amassed a total of 50 points.

The Maroons have buckled down to hard training here for the New Year's Day fray.

Farmers Are Asking More For Lands To Be Used For Camps

CATO, Ark.—(AP)—Approximately 100 farmers, whose lands will be converted into an artillery range when the 35th Division goes into training at Camp Robinson next month, voted at a mass meeting here to seek both legal and political aid in obtaining "just compensation" from the government before they would willingly vocate their property.

The government now is leasing the 38,500 acres in the camp area on a basis of seven per cent of its appraised valuation. The land owners are to receive one year leases with the government holding renewal options for the next four years. The land has been condemned by federal court order for military use.

226 Flying Cadets Graduate At Kelly

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The largest class ever to complete its training at Kelly Field, composed of 266 flying cadets and two regular army officers, were awarded the coveted wings in a brief graduation ceremony Friday.

All but 12 were automatically commissioned as second lieutenants in the air corps reserve. The 12 must wait until they reach their 21st birthday although they have completed the required training course.

39 Italian Aircraft Are Said Destroyed

ATHENS—(AP)—Air Vice Marshal John Henry D. Albiac, commander of the RAF in Greece, told correspondents the RAF had destroyed 39 Italian aircraft since the Italian-Greek hostilities began eight weeks ago, and had probably destroyed 12 others. One British fighter pilot was killed and one is missing.

Bombing planes in 70 raids had dropped 120 tons of bombs, he said. Nine of the planes were lost.

Nebraskans Practice For Picture Takers

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(AP)—Nebraska's Cornhuskers donned their new Rose Bowl uniforms and did some fancy punting and passing for the benefit of photographers Saturday, then changed to practice clothes and went through a stiff two-hour drill behind locked gates.

Yule Parties

Observances Are On Community Basis

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Christmas will be ushered in this year throughout Texas with a wider assortment of community observances than ever before, according to Houston Crump, director of the WPA state-wide recreation program.

Community Christmas trees, pageants, choral groups, tree lighting ceremonies in public parks and varied outdoor city-wide festivals are included on the holiday program.

Besides San Antonio, WPA community celebrations will be held in Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso, Amarillo, Dalhart, Pampa, Big Spring, Abilene, San Angelo, Coleman, Ballinger, Plainview, Snyder, Dallas, Paris, Denton, Sherman, Denison, Pleasant Grove, Grand Prairie and Austin, it was reported.

Negro Is Sentenced For Participating In Woman Attack

DALLAS—(AP)—Theodia Muldrow, 20-year-old Negro, was formally sentenced in district court to death in the electric chair Jan. 21 for his part in criminally assaulting a white woman at her farm home near here in April.

Two other Negroes participated in the attack. Albert Wesley, in jail here, also is under death penalty but the court of criminal appeals has not finally acted on his appeal. Ernest McDay died shortly after being taken to the boy's reformatory at Gatesville.

Teller Under Bond; Admits Embezzling

NORWALK, Conn.—(AP)—A 36-year-old bank teller pleaded guilty Friday a few hours after confessing embezzlement of $73,289 which he squandered on horse races and stocks.

Charles F. Wicke, $3,500-a-year employe of the South Norwalk Savings Bank, was bound over to the January term of superior court, after entering his plea in city court here, and later went to jail in lieu of $25,000 bonds.

Whirling Propeller Kills Plane Student

DALLAS —(AP)— Ralph T. Dixon, 27, Macon, Ga., student at a Dallas aviation school, sustained serious injuries when caught in a whirling airplane propeller only a few hours before he was to take an examination for a commercial pilot's license.

Physicians said both legs were broken just above the knees.

School authorities said Dixon was turning the propeller when the motor suddenly started.

Cyril Vorwald of Guttenberg, Ia., has a mule that opens the pasture gate and drives the cows into the barnyard every afternoon.

25 Baylors Get Letters

16 Will Return For Another Season

WACO—(AP)—The Baylor athletic council announced Saturday that 25 members of the 1940 football squad earned letters. Of them, 16 were expected to return for another season's play.

Robert Nelson, center, and Milton Merka and James Witt, backs, were awarded their third grid letters. Second-letter winners were Curtis Byrd, Don Halen, Jack Lummus, Pat Mickler, Wilson Lucas, Lewis Self, Jack Willis, Jack Wilson and Jaack Anderson.

Earning a letter for the first time were Bobo Barnett, Weldon Bigony, Bill Coleman, Cilton Crain, Buddy Gatewood, Odell Griffin, Rex Gandy, W. B. Godbold, Ed Hickman, George Koch, Travis Nelson, Dwight Parks and Jack Russell.

The athletic council gave David Beck and Ernest Marshall special honor letters for three years of hard work on the Bruin squad.

Italy Doesn't Think US To Donate Ships

ROME—(AP)—Political circles expressed confidence the United States would refrain from delivering German or Italian merchant ships to Great Britain, as suggested by British Minister of Shipping Ronald H. Cross, and said such action would be "unfriendly" toward the Axis powers and "un-neutral."

The Cross suggestion caused "no real surprise" in Italy, it was said, "because it is too well known that Great Britain is doing everything possible to involve the United States in the war."

Record Wheat Crop Indicated In U.S.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A 1941 winter wheat crop of 633,000,000 bushels —the largest since 1938—was indicated on the basis of December 1 condition of the crop, the agriculture department reported.

Such a crop, coupled with an average spring wheat crop and existing surpluses, would provide a supply of around 1,200,000,000 bushels for next season, one of the largest on record, officials said. Spring wheat production usually averages about 183,000,000 bushels. The present surplus has been estimated at about 390,000,000 bushels.

British Claim 5,000 Air Raids On Axis

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British have made nearly 5,000 air raids on Germany and Italy and Axis-occupied territory in the past eight months, the British radio said in a broadcast heard here by CBS.

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Interpreting The War News

Will Nazis Invade?

Triple-Fronted German Attempt Hinted But Churchill Confident Of Victory

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Winter has come astronomically for war-racked Europe and with it prophecies from London that a triple-fronted German attempt to finish off England will be announced—and defeated—before spring burgeons.

Prime Minister Churchill has supported that prediction. He told Parliament that to offset waning German-Italian Axis war fortunes, Hitler "must do something now, or at any rate within two months."

It seems utterly fantastic to assume that Hitler's high command, skilled and carefully daring soldiers, could assent to a winter invasion schedule except in desperation. The risks are great, the seasonal advantages few.

A winter sea invasion by the Germans, unless bombing had already smashed British morale, would hold less terror for England than did the invasion threats of last summer and fall. British channel scouting in three dimensions, air, surface and sub-surface, has been perfected to a fine art by six months of practice. That a barge-carried Nazi army could reach English soil in substantial force without detection by night or day seems wholly improbable.

Churchill warned that breathing spells for London or the rest of England from heavy Nazi night bombing raids might be merely in preparation for a greater air assault. That is possible.

It is also possible, however, that the breathing spells are due to present Nazi difficulties of supplying fuel oil and gasoline for U-boat and air fleets and at the same time storing reserves at French, Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian attack bases. Those difficulties will increase, not lessen, in the months just ahead.

The Danube's 1,750 mile waterway that threads east and west Europe together is Germany's main route for transportation of Rumanian oil. In winter, it is ice closed for many weeks—the same weeks when by British forecast it would be most vitally needed to sustain a Nazi all-out attack on England.

Channel Turbulent

In December, January, February and March, the North Sea and English Channel are normally turbulent. Crossing them to England with thousands of troops and heavy war gear jammed into low freeboard, open barges would be difficult even unopposed.

There is an odd, if not significant parallel between the forecasts of a Nazi winter-spring offensive now and the last World War winter. Then, in late 1917, the cables from Europe hummed for months with forecasts of a final German break-through attempt in France in spring.

It came on March 18, 1918, against the British fifth army, the hinge of the Franco-British battle line. It stabbed deeply, wringing a backs-to-the-wall order from the British commander, and bringing American troops into their first major action at Amiens before it was halted.

Eight months later, Germany surrendered. German morale at home if not at the front collapsed.

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point has had 38 superintendents.

OIL DUMPING CASE READIED

State Alleges Wells Pollute Rivers

DALLAS—(AP)—The state will be ready to go to trial about February 8 against 22 additional East Texas oil companies allegedly violating an agreement to refrain from pollution of the Neches-Angelina river system with salt water pumped from oil wells, Assistant Attorney General Hugh Q. Buck said Saturday.

Buck said he would seek a setting of the injunction suit against the 22 companies and individuals February 8, but did not name the defendants who will be prosecuted.

"We have evidence that the oil companies are directly violating an agreement to stop dumping and will ask that a motion for continuance against them be set aside and the case tried on its merits," Buck said.

Hearing on a motion for contempt against Alex McCutchin and John F. Merrick, oil operators alleged to have violated an injunction issued by Judge John A. Rawlins, was postponed indefinitely Saturday because neither of the defendants had been properly served in the case. Judge Rawlins signed an order authorizing Texas Rangers and state highway patrolmen to serve the defendants.

Late Shopper List To Remind You Who Forgot

AUSTIN—(AP)—For last-minute shoppers Miss L. Lucile Emerson of the University of Texas Nursery School recommends these childrens' gifts:

Infants—Unbreakable, washable dolls, fast color beads, stuffed animals, nested blocks.

Two to Three-Year-Olds—Simple doorway gym, rough surface ball, self propelling swing (for physical development); simply dressed doll, wooden train, tea set, sand bed (for dramatic development); clay, paint, rings, puzzles (for creative development).

Three and Four-Year-Olds—Five-foot wooden slide, hand swing, wheelbarrow, tricycle (physical), unbreakable dishes, doll, doll furniture proportioned for child's own use (dramatic), easle, peg boards, puzzles (creative).

Four to Six-Year-Olds—Skooter, wagon, garden tools, gym set (physical), farm yard, circus animals, store-keeping sets, toy chest (dramatic), weaving set, sewing material, carpentry set, bean bag (creative).

Halifax Said Sure Of Lothian's Post

LONDON—(AP)—Appointment of Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax as ambassador to the United States was regarded as certain by an influential section of the British press and the London Times said it could conceive of no one "better fitted for this important post."

The Daily Mail flatly declared the tall, scholarly foreign secretary would assume the post left vacant by the death of Lord Lothian, and asserted his name already had been submitted to President Roosevelt for approval.

Petroleum Company Files Its Statement

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Phillips Petroleum Company filed with the Securities Commission a registration statement covering $20,000,000 of 1 3-4 per cent convertible debentures, due January 1, 1951, and $15,000,000 of serial notes running through January 1, 1951.

The statement also covered an undetermined amount of common capital stock, no par value, including scrip certificates, to be reserved for conversion of the debentures.

Ft. Worth Attorney, Public Figure, Dies

FORT WORTH—(AP)—I. H. Burney, 81, attorney, business man, and public figure for more than half a century, died in a hospital here Saturday.

In ill health which caused him to undergo two operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the last few years, he entered the hospital here on December 12. When he retired from the presidency of the public library board here in June, 1939, he gave "age and waning strength" as one of the reasons."

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ALIEN SQUARE DEAL PLEDGED

US Illegal Entrants Asked To Confess

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Attorney General Jackson, urging registration by aliens who entered the United States illegally, pledged Saturday night a "square deal" for every alien "who confesses his fault."

He emphasized that he was "not making any promises" that penalties for illegal entry would be withheld.

But, he continued, "I say to loyal and deserving non-citizens who entered this country illegally that we have a genuine desire to avoid hardships and that there will be no negligent or ruthless treatment of appeals of leniency and no indiscriminate rejection of claims."

Former Mopac Chief Succumbs Saturday

NEW YORK—(AP)—Harry Bronner, 72, retired banker and former president and chairman of the board of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company, died Friday.

Christmas Tree Far Below Surface

Now An Annual Affair In Coal Mine

But It Started As Prank Of Miners

ISHPEMING, Mich. — (AP) — A Christmas tradition born seven years ago as the result of a prank was observed by miners far below the earth's surface.

A brightly lighted Christmas tree, 1,300 feet down a shaft of the Greenwood mine of the Inland Steel Company, beckoned to miners for their famous Yule party.

Miners and guests gathered around the tree at 6 a. m. for a half-hour program of gift exchanging and small talk before going to daily tasks in the remote spots of the pit.

Mostly, the gifts were of a humorous nature, but a few bore out Christmas' deepest sentiments.

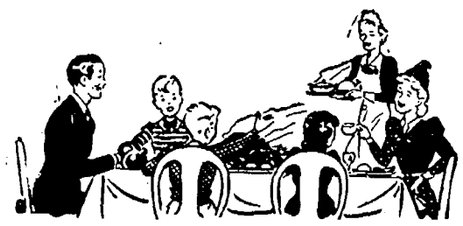
The tradition was born in 1933. Timber haulers on the way to the Negaunee mine of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company found a small Christmas tree which had fallen from a truckload.

Was An Accident

They tossed the tree onto the pile of timber and sent it down into the mine. A miner set it up in a corner. Other miners pitched paper scraps from their lunch kits onto the tree for ornaments.

"Let's do this every Christmas," suggested Charles Miron, captain of the Negaunee mine at the time.

The Best Food In Town



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JAPS PREVENT U. S. TRADING

Goods Under Guard In Indo-China

HANOI, French Indo-China —(AP)—United States Consul Charles Reed has spent the past 10 days in a vain effort to obtain release of some $10,000,000 in American merchandise held here and at Haiphong since Japan's entry into Indo-China, it was learend from authoritative sources.

Reed has urged French authorities to grant permission to re-export the cargoes, but these sources stated emphatically that the French refusal was due to pressure from Japanese military officials.

The cargo, the majority of which was assigned to Chinese purchasers in West China, now is piled in warehouses here and at Haiphong and guarded by Japanese soldiers although American flags are flown from the buildings. Shipment to West China became impossible when Japanese entry into Indo-China disrupted service on the Haiphong-Kunming railway.

It also was learned that U. S. Ambassador Joseph C. Crew at Tokyo also has been attempting to obtain release of this American property, apparently without success.

Some French Favor Opposing Nazis By Moving To Africa

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation attributed to General Charles De Gaulle, leader of the French forces still resisting Germany, a statement that several members of the French cabinet prefer transferring the government to Africa rather than submitting France to a final "subjugation" by Germany.

The BBC's broadcast, picked up here by NBC, said "the determination of the French leaders in Africa to defend their empire is hardy."

Ground Forces For Aviation Expanded

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army Air Corps announced that it would train hundreds of former fliers, engineers and other qualified civilians to serve the expanding air forces on the ground as squadron engineering officers.

First classes of 50 students each will enter New York and Purdue universities next month, and others will follow at three-month intervals. After 12 weeks of study, six months additional training will be given at Chanute Field, Ill.

Both Parties Work For Next Election

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Although it is nearly two years until the next congressional election, neither major party is letting any grass grow under its feet.

With Republicans talking of a full-time permanent staff here, it was announced that the Democratic national headquarters would move the first of the year into a luxurious 25-room suite in the Mayflower Hotel.

Geologists To See South Texas Oilers

AUSTIN, Tex. — (AP) — Scientists attending the Geological Society of America meeting at the University of Texas Dec. 26 to 28 will be taken on a post-convention tour of South Texas oil fields.

Dr. Hal P. Bybee who is arranging the tour said the guests would inspect wells and recycling plants in the Corpus Christi area. An optional excursion will take other visitors through the Luling-San Antonio area and West Texas fields.

Pilot Blackout Is Blamed For Crash

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Civil Aeronautics Board said the loss of consciousness while piloting his plane was blamed for the crash at Port Neches, Texas, Jan. 16 in which pilot Robert F. Neel was injured seriously.

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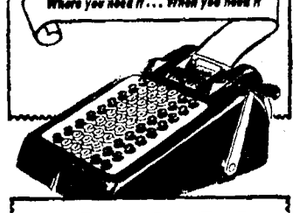

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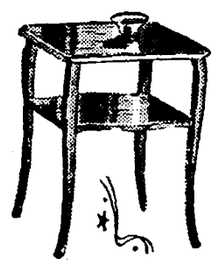

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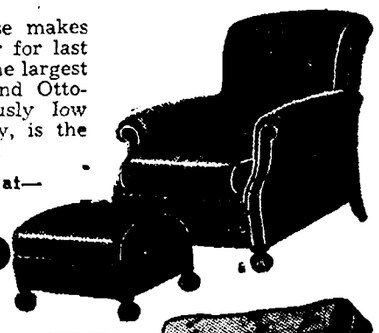

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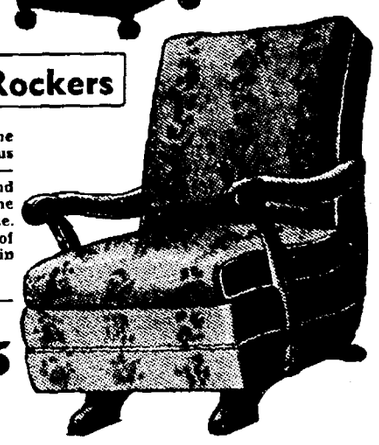

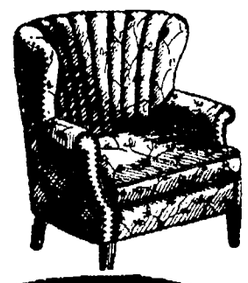

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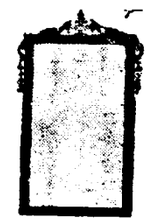

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Society

December 22, 1946

Santa Claus Is Coming

When Santa comes scrambling down the chimney, he'll find D'Ette Looney, (shown in the upper right photo on preceding page) excitedly waiting to tell him what to put in her stocking and maybe she'll want to tell him some toys that Sister Louise would like to find in her stocking, too. D'Ette is two years old and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Looney of Edinburg.

This Christmas business is rather new to Katherine Little, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Con Little who live on Arroyo Drive in Harlingen, but if there's to be new, interesting toys, Katherine can be depended upon to exhibit enthusiasm.

Of course, she knows the verses by heart, but it's a good idea to refresh one's memory when the time for St. Nick's visit is so very near. Little Carmel Ann Chisum, pictured at the lower left, lives near Hidalgo and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chisum. She is two years old. (All Photos by Pederson-Darrell, McAllen.)

Harlingen Youngsters Guests For Formal Dance Honoring Joe Foster Jr.

HARLINGEN—Joe Foster, Jr., was honor guest Friday night for a formal dance given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster, 306 W. Buchanan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorimer Brown at the Brown home. The event was planned in recognition of the honor guest's tenth birthday anniversary which occurs Christmas. Jack Foster, brother of the celebrant, shared in host duties.

The rooms were in gala Christmas adornment with poinsettias, gladioli, and roses arranged in pretty profusion. Emphasizing the Christmas decor were crystal balls and tall red tapers.

Favors for the girls were silver bells tied with red satin to wear on the wrist and received varicolored horns.

Gladioli in pastel shades made the pretty centerpiece for the refreshment table where punch was served. Individual candies were tied in colored cellophane with little Christmas trees in the center.

Mary Ann Starr, McAllen, cut the cake, a beautifully decorated confection topped by ten candles.

Other guests were Andrew Cook, Bert Alcott, Dickie Criss, Patsy Maher, Joy Davidson, Marilyn and M. D. Cohen, Nina Mae Boone, Billy and Jane Busa, Patricia Hoskins, Patsy and Tommy Williams, Jack Foster, Travis Coins, Doris Ann Pierce.

Tony Brown, Douglas Brown, Ann and Lloyd Stiernberg, Bobby Knight, Julie Gallaher, Joann Hafele, George Diehl, Frank Boggus, Barry Wood, Caddy Meng, Hilda Jean Davies, Benton White, Sammy Lane, and Jackie England.

Departures Prompted By Holidays

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Mary Sue Haynes who has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Johnny Snow and Mrs. Joe Lindaberry for the past several months, will leave by car Saturday morning for her home in San Marcos, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindaberry and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Snow plan to leave Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with relatives in San Marcos and San Antonio. The Lindaberrys will go direct to San Marcos, while the Snows will visit Mr. Snow's mother and father in San Antonio, then join the Haynes family in San Marcos for the annual family re-union.

Miss Velma Wilson, professor of science in the junior college, will leave Saturday morning for her home in Temple to spend the holidays. She will be accompanied as far as San Antonio by Miss Mary Sue Haynes.

Coy Snow, Laredo, Texas, was in Brownsville visiting his brother, Johnny Snow. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John White of San Benito. Mrs. White is a sister of Johnny and Coy Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stone and young baby daughter, Beth, will leave Saturday morning to spend the holidays with Mr. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stone in Okemah, Oklahoma. This will be Beth's first visit to her grandmother's home.

The Misses Ima and Avis Williams will not leave to spend the holidays with their brother in East Texas as had been planned, due to the illness of Miss Avis Williams. The Misses Williams are teachers in the Brownsville schools.

Kent Stratford, organist at the local Baptist Church and teacher in the high school and junior college, will spend the holidays in Dallas.

San Benito Couple Will Be Honored On 50th Anniversary

SAN BENITO—Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Knowlton are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with an informal reception Tuesday, December 24, at their home on Minnesota Ave., near Landrum Park.

Friends of the couple are invited to call between two and five o'clock Tuesday afternoon and between seven and ten o'clock that night.

Bluebonnet Club Has Christmas Party

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Filbert Engelbrecht was hostess to the Bluebonnet Club of Stuart Place Wednesday afternoon at her home on North Stuart road. Bougainvilleas and poinsettias gave decoration to the home which were brightened with traditional Christmas ornaments.

On the arrival of Santa Claus, gifts were exchanged from the lighted Christmas tree.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. J. Garrett and Mrs. M. R. Schrantz, served coffee, cookies and candy to Mesdames C. W. Spangler, W. E. Carey, J. L. Woodward, R. L. Day, L. A. Carey, Forrest Pence, John Miller, O. C. Smith, T. J. Graham, C. E. Johnson, Perry Brown, H. Schacht, Iona Fudge, and R. C. Carey.

Hills To Houston

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hill will leave the first of the week for Houston where they will spend a few days with their son, C. N. Hill, Jr., and Mrs. Hill. The Brownsville pair plan to return here Friday.

Tandys Home

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Cleve Tandy and Mrs. Mark N. French, accompanied by their daughter and granddaughter, Miss Ann Tandy, returned Friday evening from Waco. Miss Tandy is a student at Baylor University.

Many Guests Are Arriving For Holidays

HARLINGEN—Christmas will be the occasion for a family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murray when four of Mrs. Murray's five brothers will be guests. From out of the Valley will be L. J. Menton of Little Rock, T. F. Menton of Beaumont, and L. V. Menton of Dallas.

From Mercedes will be Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Menton. A fifth brother, who resides in Washington, will be unable to attend.

Miss Angela Murray will arrive this weekend from San Antonio and will remain with her parents until after the holidays.

PAT COLLIER HOME FOR VACATION

Pat Collier was among the A. and M. students dismissed early from classes because of the flu epidemic. After spending the holidays he will return by way of Beaumont where he will visit his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Bevil, and Dr. Bevil, and his grandfather, A. F. Hester.

W. H. JOHNSON TO ARRIVE FOR HOLIDAYS

W. H. Johnson will arrive at the weekend from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ella Johnson and other relatives. He is a student at George Washington University in Washington.

GUESTS COMING FROM SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. Terry Shand and son, Terry Jr., of San Antonio, will arrive at the weekend to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Shand's sister, Mrs. J. G. Koniakowsky and Mr. Koniakowsky. Marthan Shand, a daughter, is spending the winter with her aunt and attending school.

GUESTS ARRIVE FOR WINTER VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Broaddus of Blue Springs, Mo., arrived Friday to visit their nephew, Lytel Jones and Mrs. Jones. They will spend the rest of the winter.

Bougainvillea Club Plans Special Meet Sunday Afternoon

HARLINGEN — About 25 members were present for the meeting of Latin-American Bougainvillea Garden Club held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Enrique Lozano. Mrs. G. A. Larson was a special visitor.

The president thanked the group for help in making the costume entered by the club in the Weslaco Birthday Style Show.

A letter was read sent to the club by the president of the United States, thanking the members for congratulating him upon being re-elected.

A committee named to confer with the mayor includes Mrs. G. M. Lozano, Mrs. F. Saldivar, and Mrs. R. Lozano. Bingo was played and the prize donated by Mrs. Enrique Lozano was won by Mrs. Luis Lozano.

Members participated in the exchange of Christmas presents with Mrs. Carlos Olivares taking the role of Santa. At the end of the meeting cake and hot coffee were served.

There will be a special meeting Sunday, Dec. 22, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Lozano, 1009 E. Madison All members are urged to attend.

Next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Rogeloo Alvarez, 223 W. Tyler, January 8.

Club Group Has Musical

HARLINGEN — The Saturday Music Club, composed of members of Mrs. W. J. Williams piano classes, entertained parents and friends with a Christmas musical at Mrs. Williams home, 902 East Taylor on Saturday at four o'clock. Poinsettias formed the decorations for the music rooms. Patricia Williams and Howard Ries were hosts.

Patricia Williams, program leader for the day, gave a short interesting talk on the life of Brahms. Jean Henderson and Bettylou Williams sang Brahms "Lullaby" and Miss Henderson played his "Waltz in A Flat" as examples of his best loved compositions.

Patricia introduced the following members who presented a varied and interesting program: Mary Lee Goldammer, Carolyn Henderson, Betty Mallernee, Barbara Ruth Mallernee, Howard Ries, Delores Rinn, Bettylou Williams, Miss Henderson and Mrs. Clarence Gound.

Composers represented were Maxim, Williams, Thompson, Hiens, Beethoven, Adams, Delibes, Rubenstien, Nevin, St. Clair and Brahms. Of special interest for the Christmas season were the two number played by Howard Ries and Mrs. Clarence Gound with a solo vox obbligato by Mrs. Williams, and "God Bless America" by Berlin, especially arranged for two pianos by Mrs. Williams and played by little Mary Lee Goldammer, aged six, and Mrs. Williams.

Special awards for perfect attendance and practice records for three months were given to Howard Ries, Delores Rinn, Bettylou Williams, and Patricia Williams. Achievement awards were also given to Carolyn Henderson and Mary Lee Goldammer.

After the program Mrs. Gound, Marilyn and M. D. Cohn assisted in serving Christmas tree cookies and cocoa to the guests. The refreshment table was laid with a lace cloth over red and centered with a brightly lighted Christmas tree.

Christmas Party

HARLINGEN—South O'Harlingen Home Demonstration Club members held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Wilford Smith when a sumptuous dinner was served.

Gifts were exchanged and special tokens were presented to Mrs. Harper Lilly, Mercedes, a guest and former club member, and Mesdames C. E. Morgan, Wilford Smith and Charles Pierce as out-going officers.

Officers installed by Mrs. Jack Choat are Mrs. Wilford Smith, president; Mrs. Charles Pierce, vice president; Mrs. O. V. Rawlings, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ivan Gregory, reporter; Mrs. Roy Brown, parliamentarian; and Mrs. George Taber, alternate reporter.

Holiday Guests

BROWNSVILLE—Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Haywood will be Mrs. Haywood's sister, Miss Mary Jane Meyer, Chi Omega, of Cincinnati, and Edwin Kohli, Sigma Chi, of Tiffin, Ohio.

Guests At League Party

Shown above are Mrs. Frank I. Comey, who is spending the winter in Brownsville, receiving Mrs. Augustine Celaya, Sr., at the party given for members of the Brownsville Civic League by Mrs. Volney W. Taylor at her home, Quintz la Paz. Mrs. Comey, a winter visitor who maintains her membership in the League is receiving from Mrs. Celaya gifts for the Charity Home, a custom observed annually by the League. (Photo by Johnny Martin.)

Calendar

BROWNSVILLE

MONDAY

Christmas party for the ballet and tap classes of the Frances Leighton Dashiell studio at 4 p.m. at the studio.

THURSDAY

Dance by the Valley club of Texas A. and M. at 10 p.m. at Miller's Grill.

FRIDAY

Tea by Mrs. Joe Celaya and Mrs. R. B. Creager between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Creager home honoring Mrs. Carlisle Williams of Evansville, Indiana. Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Jr., and Mrs. Pedro Chapa, both of Mexico City.

SATURDAY

Coffee by Mrs. Edward McChesney between 10 a.m. and 12 noon at the Russell McChesney home.

SUNDAY

Open house by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Porter between 3 and 6 p.m.

McALLEN

MONDAY

Mrs. Jack Nelson will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

FRIDAY

Mrs. W. J. Dean will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

7:00 p. m.—Members of the Ma Kocha Club will entertain their husbands with a supper party at the M. P. Wilson home.

Wheelers Leave

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler and daughter, Betty Jo, plan to leave Tuesday for San Antonio where they will visit their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Mangum, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wheeler. They will return here next Sunday.

Leaguers Send Out Dance Cards

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Junior Service League have sent out cards to many in Brownsville and in other parts of the Valley, announcing the breakfast dance to be held New Year's Eve at El Jardin hotel.

The affair will be one of the gala ones of the season, and it is expected that society will turn out almost en masse for the event. Reservations may be made at the hotel. Baron Dakin and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Proceeds will go for the upkeep of the Well Baby clinic, project of the League for this year.

Winner in the doll contest sponsored by the League was Mary Frances McAllister. Proceeds from this will go to the clinic too.

Members have arranged for Christmas baskets for the children under their care, and those who have been attending the Well Baby clinic. These will be distributed later in the week.

McNallies Visit

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Harbert Davenport have as their guests for the holidays Mrs. Davenport's cousin, Mrs. Clyde McNallie, and Mr. McNallie, of Sarcoxie, Missouri.

Briggs Leave

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Briggs plan to leave Sunday for Bremond where they will visit until the first of the year.

Holiday Note Introduced In Club Meeting

HARLINGEN — A Christmas tea was the pleasant courtesy enjoyed by Garden club members and their guests at the conclusion of an especially interesting program Thursday that gave recognition to the approach of Christmas.

Mrs. J. W. Wade, gave an inspiring talk on "The Spirit of Christmas."

Mrs. W. H. Carlisle sang "The Message of the Angels" and "The Birthday of a King" from Dvorak's "New World Symphony." She was accompanied by Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes.

A delightful flower playlet, presented pupils from the South Ward School, was given under the direction of Mrs. Frank Crown. Each child represented a different flower. The play was written by Marilyn Cohen. The children sang a group of carols to conclude the program.

Club members heard a report on the costume entered by the organization in the Weslaco style show and worn by Miss Dorothy Carlisle and a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. G. A. Larson who worked out the design and did the preliminary work.

Each member brought a gift for the Day Nursery Building and recognition was given to the birthdays of Mrs. Carlisle and Mrs. W. E. McWilliams.

Huge red roses and red candles centered the tea table where a variety of open-faced sandwiches and other dainties were served. Mrs. E. O. Anglin poured coffee and Mrs. L. R. Dubois, president, poured tea.

In charge of arrangements for the afternoon were Mrs. Wade, chairman, and Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. H. C. Ware, and Miss Pearl Wahler.

Surprise Party Is Birthday Event For McAllenite

McALLEN—As a surprise to note Mrs. Bob Womack's birthday Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones entertained a group of her friends for an informal evening of fun.

Gathering at the Horace Jones Home on North Seventh street were Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thornborough, Miss Eva Sue Murphy, Harold Hensen of Harlingen, and Bob Womack.

Poinsettias formed the mantelpiece floral note while on the table where refreshments were served a hug red candle was lighted in front of a nest of silvered ornaments surrounded by poinsettia blossoms.

Indianapolis Pair Guests In City

BROWNSVILLE — Thursday guests in Brownsville were Misses Kathryn Turney Garten and Josephine Turney of Indianapolis, Indiana. They departed Friday morning by plane for Mexico City, and plan to visit there and in Merida before returning home by way of Brownsville on January 1.

The two visitors were greeted here by Mrs. G. W. Johnson. Miss Garten is a lecturer on books, and is enjoying a brief vacation before beginning a tour which includes speaking engagements from January 2 until June 4.

TO VISIT SON

RIO GRANDE CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harkins of Dallas will arrive Tuesday to be the guests for several days of their son, Lt. Horace G. Goodrich, and Mrs. Goodrich.

Beautiful Setting Adds Interest To Ceremony Read For Weslaco Pair

WESLACO—In rites performed against a beautiful background expressive of the Christmas season, Miss Betty Belle Blackwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Blackwell, and James Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Vaughan, exchanged marriage vows Saturday morning in the First Presbyterian Church. The impressive single ring ceremony, read at ten o'clock by the Rev. J. A. Reed, pastor, was solemnized before an altar elaborately decorated in silver and large double red poinsettias.

Mrs. Norman Wilson of Harlingen was soloist, singing "I Love You Truly" and "Because" prior to the traditional wedding marches, "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's Lohengrin, and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" which were played by Miss Robin Cook, pianist.

The bride, who entered with her father and was given by him in marriage, wore a gown of traditional bridal satin fashioned with short train. The bodice had a sweetheart neckline and the sleeves, full at the shoulders, narrowed to fit closely to a point over the hand.

Her beautiful veil, fingertip length, was caught into a bridal halo. Her flowers were an arm bouquet of orange blossoms and chrysanthemums arranged in shower effect and her only ornament was a single strand of pearls. For something old she carried an heirloom handkerchief of rose point.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Lyle Grace who wore soldier blue velveteen and carried an arm bouquet of red roses.

Quin McManus attended the bridegroom and ushers were Van Blackwell and Eugene Vaughan.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on a wedding trip.

Mrs. Vaughan chose for her going away costume, a light weight soldier blue wool with gold and white accessories. The bride is a graduate of Falfurrias high school and attended Texas A. & I. College at Kingsville. The bridegroom graduated from Weslaco high school and business college in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan will be at home to their many friends in Weslaco after the New Year.

Betas Hold Yule Supper And Party

BROWNSVILLE—Annual Christmas party of the Beta Sigma Phi was held Thursday evening in the form of a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckols.

At the event, the secret pals were revealed in the exchange of gifts, when Mrs. Tom Barber, Jr., acted as Santa Claus. The members drew names for secret pals again, and these will be revealed at the birthday meeting of the sorority in March.

The four pledges chose as their "big sisters" the following: Mrs. Paul Ellington, Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckols; Miss Elizabeth Canales, Miss Miriam Bray; Misses Jane Richardson and Mozelle Pruden, Miss Inez Brulay.

Miss Canales led in singing Christmas carols which closed the meeting.

Attending were Misses Jane Richardson, Mozelle Pruden, Elizabeth Canales, Mary Patrick, Laverne Sullivan, Miriam Bray, Inez Brulay, Mesdames Dick Swanson, Paul Ellington, Tom Barber, Jr., Robert Goodrich.

The next meeting will be held January 6 at the home of Miss Elizabeth Canales.

Frank Hubbard Arrives From Dallas School

BROWNSVILLE — Frank Hubbard, son of Colonel and Mrs. E. L. Hubbard of Fort Brown, will arrive here at the weekend from the Terrill Preparatory school and junior college at Dallas, for the Christmas holidays.

The Brownsville youth, who is preparing at the Dallas school for California Tech, will go on a hunting trip to Mexico with his parents during the holidays. He has one of the highest scholastic rankings in his class at Terrill, Headmaster Sam M. Davis, has announced.

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

EDCOUCH — The A. B. Barker family plan to spend Christmas Day at Edinburg with relatives.

Students Return From Incarnate Word College

BROWNSVILLE—Expected Saturday evening from San Antonio where they are students at Incarnate Word were Miss Helen Edelstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Edelstein, and Miss Lucie Starr Grider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore S. Grider.

Miss Ruth Edelstein, who has been attending school in Norman, Oklahoma, departed Friday for Pueblo, Colorado, to spend the holidays with friends.

Miss Yates Home

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Mattie Yates was to arrive Saturday from Austin where she is a student at the University of Texas. Miss Yates will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Yates for the holidays.

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Brownsville Coffee Given On Saturday

Holiday Setting Adds Interest

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Herbert L. Stokeley entertained with a delightful holiday morning coffee Saturday between the hours of ten and twelve.

Poinsettias and white gladioli were used in profusion throughout the receiving, living and dining rooms.

Greeting guests at the door was Mrs. W. E. McDavitt. Receiving with Mrs. Stokeley were out of town guests: Mrs. Frank I. Comey of California, Mrs. Pedro Chapa, Mexico City, Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Mexico City.

Assisting during the morning were the Mesdames Jesse Dennett, Volney Taylor, Blanche Richardson and Augustine Celaya.

Mrs. R. B. Creager and Mrs. Ben Freudenstein poured coffee.

The dining room was lovely in red and white decorations. The centerpiece at the coffee table was an unusual electrically lighted tinsel Christmas tree set amidst a beautiful snow scene.

About 80 guests were received.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Goodrich and young son, B. G., and Mr. E. K. Goodrich arrived Thursday noon by motor from Mexico City. Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Goodrich and son will visit with Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, senior, while Mr. E. K. Goodrich will join his wife and two small children as guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. McNair.

After Christmas Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Goodrich and children accompanied by Mr. B. N. Goodrich will return to Mexico City. Mrs. B. N. Goodrich will remain until after the New Year then go on to her home in Preston, Iowa, for two or three weeks visit with her people. On her way back to Brownsville, Mrs. Goodrich will attend the Junior League convention in St. Louis as a representative from Mexico City.

Hobby Group Holds Party

HARLINGEN—A very festive atmosphere was created for the Christmas party enjoyed by the hobby group Wednesday at the home of Mrs. N. B. Lackland, 706 E. Van Buren. A beautiful Christmas tree, from which gifts were exchanged, and blossoms emphasizing the chosen red and green adorned the living room.

The same color theme was noted in the appointment of quartet tables where the delicious luncheon was served. Favors were Christmas trees held in large white gum drops.

Games were enjoyed and the award in a contest to finish a poem went to Mrs. H. M. Dunaway with Mrs. J. B. Bradford receiving second.

Handwork was dispensed with as plans were made for sending baskets to needy on Christmas and New Year's.

Mrs. J. Roquet of Hopkins, Minn., was a guest.

Members present were Mesdames J. B. Bradford, J. B. Langford, Tom Bowman, R. T. Sanders, H. M. Dunaway, Jack Summer, A. B. Ewing, Nina Mohr, Charles Bleakney, A. L. Hamilton, and the hostess.

Eidmans, Ransomes Plans Holiday Visit In Austin

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eidman plan to leave Tuesday for Austin where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Eidman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eidman, Sr.

Planning to leave Sunday for a visit with the Eidmans in Austin are Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eidman, Jr.

Planning to leave Sunday, too, are Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ransome and their young son and daughter, Rufus, Jr., and Dorothy Anne. They will visit in Austin with Mrs. Ransome's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eidman, Sr., and in Bastrop with Mr. Ransome's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ransome. The Ransomes plan to return just after Christmas.

Blacks Depart

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Black and two daughters, Barbara and Mary Burnette, departed Saturday morning by car for New Orleans, Louisiana. There they will meet their other daughter and sister, Miss Beverly Black, a student at Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia, to spend the holidays, returning here after the Sugar Bowl game.

Leave For West

RAYMONDVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hecht left this week for Los Angeles for the Christmas holidays. They will visit with their daughter, Miss Helen Lee Hecht, who is taking post graduate work at the University of California. They were among the very first citizens to start out on a long trip over the newly opened Hug-the-Coast highway.

Miss Ruff Arrives

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Elizabeth Ruff arrives Sunday from Raleigh, North Carolina, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Roy Ruff.

Off To Austin

BROWNSVILLE—Richard Walker, Brownsville school band director, planned to leave Saturday for Austin to spend the holidays with his mother.

Miss Runyon To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Runyon of Brownsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to R. E. "Mike" Gilbert of Harlingen, son of Mrs. Ida Gilbert. The ceremony will take place in the Sacred Heart Church in Brownsville January 13. Both Miss Runyon and Mr. Gilbert are popular members of the younger society group of the Valley.

Miss Virginia Runyon To Become Bride Of Robert E. Mike Gilbert

BROWNSVILLE—The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Virginia Runyon, pretty and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Runyon, to R. E. "Mike" Gilbert of Harlingen, son of Mrs. Ida Gilbert, of Harlingen, was announced at a tea Friday afternoon at Landrum's.

Mrs. Runyon was hostess at the lovely affair between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock, and the guest list numbered about seventy-five.

Receiving in the second floor rooms at Landrum's were Mrs. Runyon, her daughter, and the bridegroom-elect's mother.

The honoree was especially pretty in a becoming gown of pale pink net, worn over taffeta. The frock was fashioned with a fitted bodice of chiffon, threaded with silver. Mrs. Runyon wore blue crepe with the bodice ornamented with beading, and Mrs. Gilbert wore black crepe with touches of white. All three wore corsages to harmonize or contrast with their frocks.

A particularly pretty setting had been arranged for the affair, with the red, white and silver of the holiday season being noted in the decor. About the rooms were potted palms and other greenery. Arranged in white pottery vases were American Beauty roses, combined with silver wheat, or with the wheat and large white carnations.

The announcement was made in unique fashion, as the small silver Christmas tree which centered the tea table was entwined with delicate scrip in red which read, "Virginia and Mike, January 13, 1941." Base for the small, graceful tree was fashioned of poinsettias, laid flat on the table. Down the table from each side of the tree were two white tapers set in the poinsettias and silvered fern. On the mantelpiece was another graceful arrangement of the poinsettias combined with fern, flanked by white tapers.

Presiding alternately at the tea table during the designated hours were Mrs. A. W. Reed, who wore black crepe and Miss Theresa Champion whose blouse of black velvet was worn with an American Beauty moire skirt; and Mrs. Collin Dunn of Harlingen, who wore a suit of black, and Mrs. W. T. Runyon, whose frock of crepe was mustard-colored.

Others assisting throughout the afternoon hours were the bride-elect's aunt, Mrs. F. Gonzalez of Matamoros, who wore aqua crepe; Miss Elizabeth Canales, who wore a skirtwaist frock of red and white; Miss Lenore Yturria, in gold lame; Miss Jenny Putegnat, white jersey; Miss Irene Reed, lavender chiffon; and Miss Bernice Kowalski, who wore purple.

The announcement claims much interest both here and in Harlingen. The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Texas where she majored in government and history, and where she took part in many activities. Mr. Gilbert is immediate past president of the Harlingen 20-30 Club.

The wedding has been set for six o'clock in the evening of January 13 at the Sacred Heart church.

Day Nursery Kiddies Enjoy Jolly Party

HARLINGEN—The Fine Arts Club held their annual Christmas party at the Harlingen Day Nursery Friday afternoon for children cared for at the nursery. A gayly decorated tree which held gifts for each of the 30 children was the center of interest.

Arrangements for the party were in charge of the social committee which has Mrs. W. H. Carlisle as chairman and Mrs. George Zahn and Mrs. Douglas Carroll as members.

Works Family Goes

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. B. M. Works and sons and daughter, Lee and Mac and Ann, departed Saturday for Alto Loma for a holiday visit with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. William Konzack. Dr. Works will join them for Christmas, and they will accompany him home.

Parents To Visit

RIO GRANDE CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Lafferty, parents of Lt.-Col. Frederick R. Lafferty, commanding officer at Fort Ringgold, will arrive Sunday from San Francisco, Cal., to be the guests of Col. and Mrs. Lafferty through the holidays.

A. & I. May Close Early For Holidays

KINGSVILLE—The flu epidemic which closed A. and M. College and numerous public schools in Texas, hit A. and I. this week. Many pupils were unable to attend classes, and a number left early for the Christmas holidays either to avoid or recuperate from the flu. There was some talk of dismissing school early for the holidays.

Roscoe Maris and Jack Rucker, both of McAllen, were placed on the third and second teams, respectively, of the All Alamo Conference selections this week. A check reveals that from the members of the first, second, and third teams, Maris and Rucker were the only sophomores to gain All-Conference recognition.

Rucker, who was All-Valley back while playing for the McAllen Bulldogs in 1936, beat out "Sacks" Mattingly, All-Conference fullback last year and who received All-American mention this year. Mattingly was placed on the third team, behind Rucker and Larry Sanders of West Texas State. Mattingly was fifth highest scorer in the nation in 1939. Rucker was placed on the team as fullback, while Maris is a guard.

A. and I. had 4 men on the first string, 7 on the second string, and 5 on the third string. Included in the first string selections was Stuart Clarkson, A. and I.'s Little All-America center.

George Cail of Port Isabel was a member of the cast of "A Sign Unto You," one of the Christmas plays presented by the A. and I. Footlight Club this week.

A. and I. was represented in the Kingsville delegation to the opening of the Hug-The-Coast highway celebration in Raymondville last Tuesday by the 55 piece Javelina Band. The A. and I. Band marched in the downtown section of Raymondville in the morning and played a concert at the athletic field in the afternoon. There are between ten and fifteen Rio Grande Valley students playing in the band now.

Richard Nugent of Brownsville is one of approximately twenty A. and I. pupils who have withdrawn from school to take part in the years training for military service. All pupils who withdrew for this purpose will be reinstated in their same position exactly a year later.

Engineering draftsmen to qualify for civil service jobs in national defense will be trained in a special intensive course in the Texas A. and I. Engineering Department. The only requirements of eligibility to take the course are that the student must be a high school graduate and have had 2* years of high school mathematics.

The federal government will assume the total cost of the course, which will last from three to five months. The course will not be open to regularly enrolled college students, as it will require from five to eight hours work a day.

The course will be under the supervision of the U. S. Office of Education and will be taught by members of the A. and I. Engineering Department faculty. Students interested should communicate with Professor R. L. Peurifoy, Texas A. and I., Kingsville.

Students Arriving

BROWNSVILLE—Arriving Sunday morning from the University of Texas in Austin where they are students will be Miss Maxine Rockwell and Miss Mary Frances Seago. Miss Rockwell will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay L. Rockwell for the holidays, and Miss Seago will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Seagoo.

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To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chaffin of Nixon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dixie, to J. H. Balko of Kingsville. The marriage will be solemnized at the Nixon Baptist Church, December 22, at nine o'clock. Rev. J. M. Reynolds of Goliad will officiate. (Edrington Studio.)

Calendar

HARLINGEN

SUNDAY

5 p.m. "Christmas Carols from Many Lands," a vesper organ recital, by Miss Virginia Perry at the First Methodist Church.

MONDAY

2:30 p.m. Beginners Department of the Methodist Church School will be entertained with a class party at the school.

THURSDAY

8 p.m. Regular meeting of Harlingen Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Masonic Hall.

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Annual Christmas party of the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be held at the Wahler Building.

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Mrs. Vivier Hostess To Bridge Unit

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Joe Vivier, Jr., was hostess this week to members of her Wednesday Bridge club when she entertained at the club's Christmas party.

In the living room, a theme of red and green had been developed through the use of pine cones, pine branches, holly and red tapers, while in the dining room, a blue and silver theme was used. Centering the table was a small tree of silver, lighted with blue lights, and flanked by blue tapers in silver.

There was an exchange of gifts among the members as one of the features of the afternoon.

In the bridge games, Mrs. A. K. Black was high, and the bingo prize went to Mrs. Thurman A. Kinder, Jr.

Guests included Mesdames Lula George, F. W. Hofmokel, James L. Abney, M. P. McNair, Wallace B. Harwood, G. D. Sutton, B. M. Works, Drew Patteson, Joe K. Wells, A. K. Black, R. C. Morris, Thomas H. Sweeney, and Thurman A. Kinder, Jr.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Wells.

13 Members Attend Circle's Holiday

McALLEN — Thirteen members and two visitors were present Thursday afternoon when the Rebecca Circle of the First Methodist Church met at the church.

After a short business meeting Mrs. Ralph Osborn and Mrs. E. N. Freeman talked on the subject, "Interesting our Heritage in Social Evangelism." The devotional was given by Mrs. Murray Boorman.

Hostesses for the social hour which followed were Mesdames Ralph Osborne, E. W. Ogden, O. F. Chesebro and M. Fulwider. To add to the fun there was a grab bag filled with presents. Each person received a gift.

College Students Home For Holidays To Be Season's Feted Guests

McALLEN—College students and their guests were beginning to trickle into McAllen during the week-end as parents and friends made plans for their entertainment.

Opening the week's festivities for the younger set is the tea Mrs. Hal Ramsey is giving at her home this afternoon to honor her daughter, Miss Nena, and house guest, Miss Betty McGee of Houston. Both the girls are students at the University of Houston. The Ramsey family will leave Tuesday for Denton to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crawford will have a house full for the holidays. Their daughter, Gwendolyn, is expected to arrive in a few days from Pasadena, Calif., where she attends the Playhouse; Lloyd is coming from Waco; Ralph from Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford from Alice; and a niece, Miss Harriet Park, from Houston. For Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford of Weslaco will also be guests.

Among students who arrived home from Texas A. and I. College Friday were Ann Dunn, Rosemary Smith, Bill Holmes, Richard Rowe, Aaron Reynolds, Billy Cross and Ed and Jack Rucker.

Mrs. Stella Wilson and Miss Dorothea Wilson will entertain Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and two children from St. Louis for the holidays.

Alice Garcia returned Saturday from Austin where she is a student at the University of Texas. She was met at Alice by her cousin, Miss Gloria Garcia of Laredo, who will be a guest here at the Esteban Garcia home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Groom will entertain Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Groom, Mrs. A. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Jones, all of Brownsville.

Mrs. N. K. Cotten of Van Alstyne, Tex., is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Drye, for the holidays. Next week Mrs. Jean Lindsey, Mrs. Drye's sister from Van Alstyne is to arrive to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cottingham and children were to leave today to spend the holidays at Uvalde visiting relatives.

Charity Ball Is Planned In Edinburg

EDINBURG—Plans are going forward for the New Year's Eve Charity Ball, sponsored by the local organization of Bundles for Britain, Inc., according to Mrs. J. C. Looney, publicity chairman.

The ball is to be held at the Country Club with Lee M. Kolhenberg's Original Orchestra from San Antonio furnishing the music.

Reservations should be addressed to Mrs. Looney as it is understood that there are a limited number of tickets to be sold. Mrs. Looney also announced that prizes are to be given at the dance. Details will be announced later.

Brownsville Girl Is Named Belle

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Delia Yznaga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Yznaga, has been elected a Bluebonnet Belle at the University of Texas. She will represent the Latin-American club in the Bluebonnet Belle revue and dance which will take place at the annual Round-Up. Miss Yznaga is a junior in the school of arts and science at the school.

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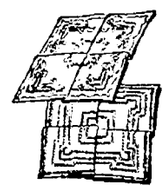
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Women Of Bible Topic Of Address

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Penrose W. Hirst was the special guest speaker at the Thursday afternoon meeting of the Junior Self Culture club at the home of Miss Betty Rockwell.

Mrs. Hirst's topic was women of the Bible. She sketched the interesting lives of two women of the Old Testament, Deborah and Jezebel, and then the lives of women of the New Testament, Mary of Bethany, and Eunice and Lois, mother and grandmother of Timothy.

In her address, Mrs. Hirst showed how the good and bad qualities of these women could be compared to the same good and bad qualities in women of today.

The Rockwell home was festive in Christmas decorations for the occasion, and the red and green motif was carried out in the refreshment plate served by the hostess.

There was a report on the social service project of the club. The members met earlier in the day, decorated the nursery room and a tree at the Buena Vida project, and arranged for stockings to be filled for all the children in the housing project nursery school.

Four members of the club assisted in the sale of Christmas seals.

The next meeting will be held January 2 when Mrs. Fred Pilgrim is hostess and Miss Rockwell will be in charge of the program.

Attending the session were Mrs. Paul Ambort, Mrs. Kermit Cromack, Mrs. Pitner, Mrs. Fay L. Rockwell, and Mrs. Hirst, guests, and Mesdames Jack Mace, Randall Mathers, Charles Mathers, Frank Mathers, Fred Pilgrim, Maurice Pipkin, J. Gordon White, and Jack Wiech.

Setting For Event Festive

SAN BENITO—One of the especially attractive events of the early holiday season was the Christmas party arranged Thursday evening by Mrs. Elmer Morris at her home for members of her bridge club and their husbands. The rooms were in gala holiday adornment, an artistic Christmas tree emphasizing the festive note.

Awards for high score at bridge went to Mrs. L. W. Pratt and Tommy Cocke and Mrs. H. C. Aldridge received the bingo prize. Mrs. E. L. Barmore was presented with a gift in recognition of her birthday.

The tempting dessert course served when playing ended lent further accent to the seasonal theme.

Comical gifts were distributed to the guests with Mr. Morris enacting the role of Santa.

Members and guests included Messrs. and Mesdames George Campbell, Tommy Cocke, A. J. Moore, H. C. Massey, L. W. Pratt, and M. C. Aldridge, Mrs. E. L. Barmore, an dMrs. Tom Marchbanks.

Christmas Party Is Held By Club

McALLEN—The second year girls of the junior department of the First Methodist Church met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Kuhn for a Christmas party.

The decorations reflected the Christmas theme. A lighted tree on which hung gifts for all was the center of attraction. For entertainment the girls played games and sang Christmas carols.

Refreshments were served to Nancy Dougherty, Betty Clair Hooks, Betty Flo Landers, Shirley Joe Levens, Joyce Sergeant, Mary Etta Roe and Lois Jean Kuhn.

Dunkers Club Holds Pre-Christmas Meet

HARLINGEN — Christmas party held by the Dunkers Club, D.S., Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. E. O. Matz was one of the jolly affairs of the early holiday season. Mrs. Bob Strong was co-hostess.

Red roses on the mantel reflected the Christmas colors and a box of canned goods with Christmas cookies and candy was filled for a family the club is assisting.

An informal program was presented and gifts were exchanged around the Christmas tree. The group popped corn which was served with cookies and a fruit drink.

Guest Speaker

PHARR—Prof. Ohland Mortin, Ph.D., of Edinburg Junior College, will be guest speaker at the Christmas service at the Presbyterian Church in Pharr Sunday morning, December 22, according to announcements made by Rev. Thomas Joyner, retiring pastor.

Valley Beauties Named As Honorees For Dance

Fourteen Valley girls home from college will be feted as honorees for the Texas A. & M. Club's annual Christmas dance to be given Thursday night, December 26, at Miller's Grill. Honorees presented in the photos above are (top row, reading left to right) Miss Bernice Adkins, McAllen, Edinburg Junior College; Miss Leefe Brown, San Benito, Texas A. & I. College; Miss Fernne Willingham, Harlingen, Baylor University; Miss Barbara Ruth Green, Harlingen, University of Texas; Miss Dorothy Lloyd, Harlingen, Texas State College; and Miss Betty Bohner, San Benito, Principia College.

Presented in the lower row (left to right) are Miss Isla Lou Carey, Harlingen, Brownsville Junior College, (Holbrook Studio); Miss Freddie Jackson, Harlingen, Southwestern, (A. Rogers Photo); Miss Helen Jean Russell, Brownsville, North Texas State Teachers College, (A. Rogers Photo); Miss Sally Sammons, Edcouch, South Dakota State College, (Wulf Studio); Miss Lucie Starr Grider, Brownsville, Incarnate Word, (A. Rogers Photo); and Miss Frances Huffman, Harlingen, Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Girls named as honorees not shown in the pictures are Miss Billie Faye Trammell, Harlingen, representing Hockaday School, and Miss Janet Kramer, Elsa, chosen to represent Southern Methodist University.

Joost Studio Pupils Give Program

BROWNSVILLE — Students of the Joost studio were presented in a recital Saturday evening at the home studio of Mrs. David Joost.

The program was opened with the singing of "Silent Night" by the students, standing outside the door, to the piano accompaniment of Patsy Faulk. At the close of the song, the students entered and were introduced by Mrs. Joost.

They were presented in a program consisting of piano solos, duets, trios and quartets, by the beginners department. This was followed by the more advanced pupils in songs, readings and piano numbers.

Those taking part were Betty Hunter, Janet Elliott, Hazel Wallace, Doris Lee Jensen, Sandra Holzman, Martha Ruth Jackson, Pauline Bellings, John Lee, Gilbert Wallace, Corinne Russell, Theresa Zook, Patsy Faulk, Vernell Bellings, Audrey Barnes, and Beverly Elliott.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors and the season's motifs. The dining room where the punch was served by Mrs. Paul Bellings and Mrs. Harry Faulk, was especially attractive in green and silver.

Palmetal Club Holds Gay Holiday Meeting

HARLINGEN—Lovely handmade gifts were exchanged by members of the Palmetal Club Thursday in the home of Mrs. O. A. Cowart. Red and silver decorations were used throughout the rooms and a Christmas tree, brilliant with lights, was on the dining table with tall red candles adding their cheerful glow.

Young Richard Cowart acted as Santa Claus, distributing the gifts and Mrs. F. D. Healers brought toys for all children present.

Mrs. Carl Moore acted as president and gave out the yearbooks. The club voted to fine each member who failed to answer roll call correctly five cents.

A splendid Christmas program in charge of Mrs. S. B. Izard was presented.

Guests for the afternoon were Mesdames John White, Luther Wyrick, Mable Tucker, R. T. Callaway, and T. C. Nesmith.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Wyrick assisted the hostess in serving refreshments to 21 members and six children.

Next regular meeting, January 3, will be with Mrs. Callaway.

Santa Maria Girls Have Games Party

SANTA MARIA—The Santa Maria 4-H Club girls held a regular meeting Wednesday when singing of Christmas carols was a special feature. Games were enjoyed and gifts exchanged.

The club presented a gift of perfume to Miss Kathryn Richards, assistant home demonstration agent.

Delicious cake, candy and sandwiches were served with fruit juice.

McAllen Residents Go Many Places To Spend Christmas Holidays

McALLEN—To scores of City of Palms residents the Christmas holidays are providing the opportunity for the Yuletide to be spent in other places.

As many as are leaving McAllen for the holidays are being replaced by crowds who are coming home from schools and colleges throughout the state. Varied and informal parties are being planned to make the season an interesting one.

Among those who are gone away for the holidays are:

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thomas, who left Friday with their daughters to visit Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Donaldson at Tohako. They will return after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Buescher left Friday with their family to visit their mothers, Mrs. Emil Buescher and Mrs. M. Tansey of Smithville. They will return after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bonneau and daughters left Saturday morning for Wichita, Kans., where they will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hill. Mrs. G. D. Michaelson, Mrs. Bonneau's and Mrs. Hills' mother, will come from Venice, Calif., to spend the holidays with them in Kansas. They are due to return after New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McDonald left Saturday for various places. He will go to Tulsa to visit his son-in-law, daughter and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carlylye Stevens. Mrs. McDaniel will go to Henryetta, Okla., where she will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bell. Her father and brother of Fulton, Mo., will meet her there. Later both Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel will go to Durant, Okla., to visit Major and Mrs. Larry Savage.

Mrs. Orpha Doughtery and daughters and her mother, Mrs. W. Harding and niece, Miss Aileen Harding, left Saturday to spend the holidays at Prattsville, Ark., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harding. Mrs. W. Harding will remain in Arkansas while the others are expected home after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Catlett and daughters left Saturday morning for Okemah and Waleetka, Okla., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Board, and his mother, Mrs. H. B. Catlett. On their return trip to the valley the Catletts will stop at Dallas to attend the Cotton Bowl game.

Mrs. W. L. Sills left Saturday for Baytown to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Linnie Gillis will holiday at Center with her family.

Miss Cynthia Little left Friday for Texarkana to visit an aunt during the Christmas recess.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Weir and daughter and son will spend Christmas at Corpus Christi where they will be the guests of her brother, Frank McGee. A family reunion will be held on the holiday when 17 members of the family will be present. Mr. and Mrs. Marion McGee and daughters, Rosemary and Myrtle of San Marcos, will return here with the Weirs to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Cook and their family left Friday for Natchitoches, La., on their annual holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. H. A. Cook. Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. C. W. Terrill, will also be a guest at the Cook home.

McAllen W.B.A. Names New Officers

McALLEN—Adding another to the list of club's Christmas parties this season was the dinner given by Mrs. J. W. Martin to three guests and members of the Women's Benefit Association at her home Thursday evening.

Attention was centered on the lighted Christmas tree in the living room. Colorful packages surrounded the tree. Everywhere were bouquets of poinsettias.

Election of officers for the coming year took place during the short business session which followed the dinner. Elected were president, Mrs. J. H. Williamson; vice president, Mrs. J. C. Ziebell; recording secretary, Mrs. J. S. Martin and treasurer, Mrs. I. M. Cronk.

Mrs. Porter Hostess To Bridge Unit

BROWNSVILLE—Members of the Wednesday Tournament Bridge club were entertained at a Christmas party when Mrs. Dean Porter was hostess at her home.

Members were seated for luncheon at one long table which was pretty with poinsettias and miniature Santa Clauses.

Feature of the decoration in the living room was the Christmas tree from which the gifts for the members were distributed.

In the games of bridge, Mrs. Walter M. Galloway was high.

Attending were one guest, Mrs. E. C. Sams of New Rochelle, New York, and Mesdames Milton E. Wentz, Robin M. Pate, Larry Lightner, H. C. Kristofferson, P. K. McNair, James L. Rentfro, Robert M. Duffey, Albert Terrazas, James A. Maxwell, Jr., Fay L. Rockwell, and O. J. Studeman.

Guests Of Mother

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. J. F. DeBardeleben and family of Washington, D. C., have arrived for a visit in the home of their mother, Mrs. Chester H. DeBardelben.

Trio Hostess To Club At Yule Party

Brownsville Study Club Entertained

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. R. R. Fife, Mrs. B. B. McDonald, and Mrs. L. A. Bauer, Jr., formed the hostess group at the Thursday afternoon Christmas party of the Brownsville Study Club. The event was held at the home of Mrs. Fife, and was one of the prettiest club events of the year.

A Christmas tree, laden with gifts for the exchange among the members was one of the features of the decorative motif. Poinsettias were arranged prettily on the piano, and on the mantelpiece was a miniature Christmas scene.

Mrs. Sam L. Lockwood gave for the program feature a Christmas story, Star in the East. The members sang Christmas carols. Acting as Santa Claus for the distribution of gifts was Mrs. L. A. Bauer, Jr., who also presided at the tea table during the refreshment hour. The poinsettias were used as a centerpiece for the table, and the tea dainties carried out the traditional red and green.

Attending were Mesdames W. M. Coleman, J. Harrison Diltz, Harry L. Faulk, Robert E. Green, Sam D. Houghston, Herman B. Jeffery, Sam L. Lockwood, R. A. McKee, C. L. Parnell, W. M. Stovall, J. A. Walker, Joe Wheeler, L. A. Bauer, Jr., and Ted Hunt.

The next meeting will be held January 2 with Mrs. Faulk.

Women's Council Present Playlet

McALLEN—An interesting playlet, "In Times Like These," was presented last week at First Christian Church services by members of the Women's Council.

Taking part in the play were Mrs. Ice, Mrs. Maude Tiberghien, Mrs. Leonard Irving, Mrs. Jim Day and Leroy Bormann. Mrs. H. C. Bohannon read the scripture: Mrs. F. E. Rochelle presented a stewardship talk; and Mrs. H. J. Howard sang a solo on the program preceding the play.

Mrs. Eunice Parker Honoree For Shower

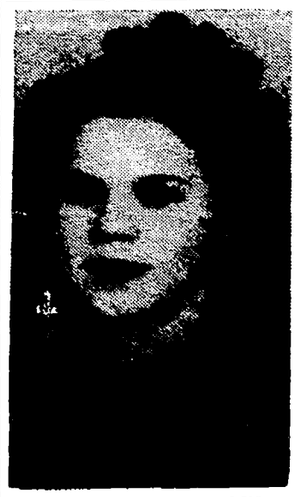
HARLINGEN—Miss Laura O'Dell was hostess for a delightful holiday event Thursday at her home on Orange Heights road when a shower was given to honor Mrs. Eunice Parker. The shower was presented in the fashion of gifts from a Christmas tree and a brilliantly decorated tree was the central note for effective holiday decoration of the home.

Refreshments noting the Christmas idea were served to about 38 guests.

Coming For Holidays

HARLINGEN—Miss Wanda Lynn Powell, was to arrive at the weekend to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Powell, 521 E. Tyler. Miss Powell is a student at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio.

Sweetheart



Miss Marion George of Weslaco has been named Sweetheart of the Weslaco high school unit of the Future Farmers of America.

Social Club Gathers For Yule Party

BROWNSVILLE — Members of El Jardin Heights Social club gathered Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Pinkley for the annual Christmas party.

The members tied a comforter, the second of two to be given to charity.

There was an exchange of gifts among the members as a feature of the affair.

The hostess had decorated her home prettily with arrangements of the Mexican pepper. She served a delightful refreshment course.

Attending the meeting were Mesdames Louis Rank, George Wahl, Wilbur Dickenson, Louise Demieville, J. M. Davis, J. M. George, Guy Sutter, Alexander Loos, and W. B. Mather, members, and Mrs. W. J. Johnston of Misswa, Minnesota, a guest.

Visit Hofheinz

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Paulus Hofheinz are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hofheinz. The pair leaves Saturday for Monterrey for a short visit after which they will return to Brownsville for the holidays.

EDCOUCH—Mildred Smith will leave this week-end for San Antonio where she plans to spend all of the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will join her on Christmas Day just for the day.

Bride-Elect Is Honoree For Luncheon

Marriage Rites To Be New Year's

McALLEN—For Miss Sarah Chidlow of McAllen, whose marriage to Chester S. Davis of Washington, D. C., will inaugurate the new year, another delightful party was given Saturday at noon.

Mrs. George McCullough of Pharr, entertained for the dainty bride-elect with a luncheon whose personnel was limited to the honored guest's intimate friends.

The luncheon table presented a festive springtime appearance with its decorations of pink roses. Dainty bouquets were held in two large pale pink shell-shaped vases on a reflector mirror. Here and there about the arrangement were tiny vases of the same shape holding single roses.

Guests included Mrs. T. J. Chidlow, the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Leland McCullough of Pharr, Mrs. Homer Gunn, Mrs. Walter K. Campbell; and Misses Mary Ann Wall, Rubye Maddux, Jerry Ferguson, Daisy Ellen Polk, Betty Burkhart, Margaret Hogan, Cathryne Melton, Lucille Montgomery, with Miss Jane McCullough and Mrs. John McCullough, visiting here from Houston.

Miss Chidlow's marriage will be solemnized January first at 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church at Pharr.

Wisconsin Guest

BROWNSVILLE — Harvey Hannah of Wisconsin is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hannah for the holidays.

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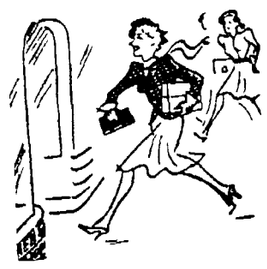

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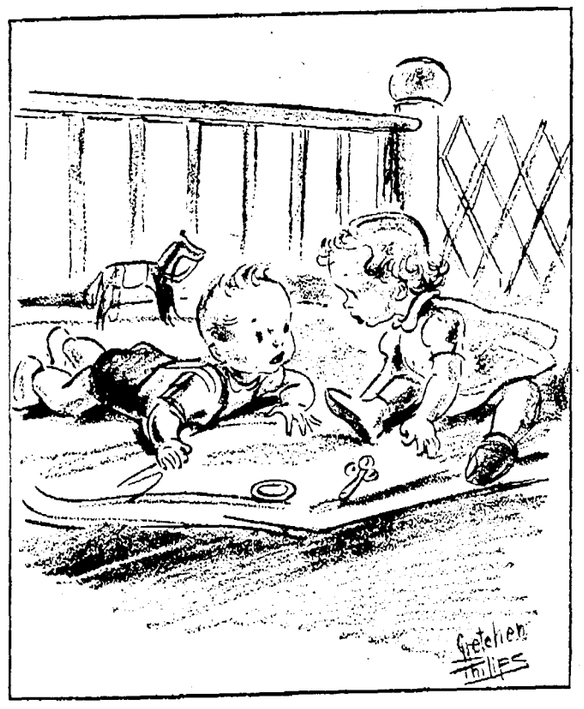

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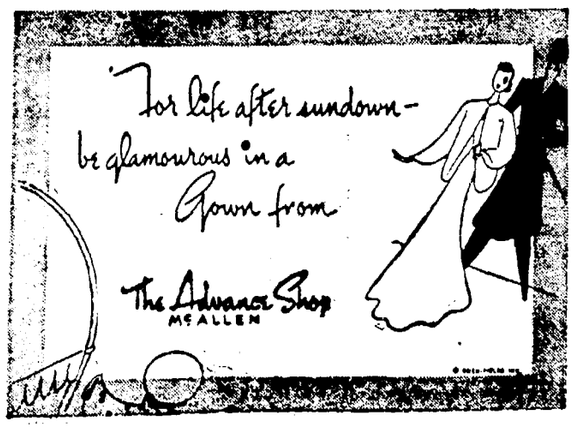

This 'N That

By MINNIE GILBERT

CHRISTMAS 1940 is taking on a definitely spiritual character.

Christmas music so far has been almost entirely the sacred hymns, classics, and folk songs.

Little of the rollicking melodies, featured at other seasons, is included in the programs for chorales, vespers, and concerts that are furnishing Valleyites with more and better homemade music than at any other Christmastide.

Climax to the festival of Christmas music and probably the most outstanding will be the Twelfth Night pageant and music observance to be presented at the Sheldon Ranch West of Mission, January 6.

The event, based on an ancient custom commemorating the birth of Christ, is to be sponsored by the Eighth District of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

PRESENTATION of pastorales was a Christmas custom among Spanish-speaking citizens of the Lower Rio Grande Valley in recent years, Mrs. Walter G. Weaver, Donna, has reported.

Most travelers in Mexico during the Christmas season have witnessed the religious pageant along with others less religious, although closely related to The Nativity.

Mrs. Weaver has stated that the ancient mystery play of the Fall and Atonement was enacted in East Donna as recently as 1937.

INDICATIVE of this year's more serious attitude toward Christmas is the exceptionally large number of persons active in filling baskets, supplying clothing, or other needs as well as gifts to the unfortunate.

And, unfortunately, there appears to be considerably more families needing just such aid this year.

Welfare work in some form has been a major objective with the majority of organizations in the Valley.

One of the most indefatigable volunteer workers in the interest of underprivileged children is Mrs. Marie Grapperhaus who often spends entire days assisting with programs for benefiting school children.

DRAMATIZING of flowers in connection with Christmas lighting is a noticeable trend in outside decoration of several homes of gardeners.

The red bougainvillea, particularly, lends itself to artistic combination with Christmas lights. Poinsettias, because they are low-growing, are more difficult to handle.

MRS. G. W. Johnson, Brownsville, who has been quoted in this column before, has reported to garden club members that California's poinsettias cannot compare with the superb color and size of the Valley's Christmas blooms.

She thinks that poinsettias should be far more widely planted here and states that in California vacant lots are made beautiful by blossoming shrubs and smooth-cropped lawns.

SEARCH FOR a small Santa Claus figure failed to reveal a single jolly figure made in the United States.

So, silver bells, or maybe a sprig of mistletoe will fill the space reserved for St. Nick on our Christmas packages.

If you've come to admire the native turk's cap, which has been literally loaded with the fat, red pumpkin-like fruits since November, plant the seeds instead of using them for Christmas decoration.

The plants are much easier to obtain from ripened seed than from cuttings and may be more readily trained to desired growth.

ABOUT THE busiest co-ed home for the holidays is Florence Ellen Cowgill of San Benito.

On vacation from music classes at Boulder, Colorado, Florence Ellen is getting a "policeman's holiday" by singing solos at luncheons or special meetings every day and sometimes more often.

TWIN CAUSES for anxiety with Christmas at hand are fear that our radio may grind out a swing version of "Silent Night" and that carol singing may be considered unfair to the musicians union.

Pair Departs

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. W. B. Mather of El Jardin, and Miss Sally Box of Olmito departed Saturday morning by motor for LaTuma, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mather's daughter, Mrs. Clarence H. Dreasher, and Mr. Dreasher. The two plan to return to their homes after the first of the year.

Barrons Go

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. John F. Barron and small daughter, Marilyn, departed Friday for Fort Worth where Mr. Barron will attend an executive committee meeting of the State Teacher association. Later they will go to Runge to spend the holidays with Mrs. Barron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Dickey.

Services Planned

EDCOUCH—The various churches of the town plan to present some kind of Christmas program but plans were not available as the paper went to press other than that of the local Methodist church who plan to have a vocal and instrumental program under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Shepherd and with the young people taking part at the evening service.

ARRIVE FOR HOLIDAYS

SAN JUAN — Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Martin of Bryan, arrived Tuesday, to spend the holidays in the home of Mr. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Martin.

Days Of Yore Luncheon Is Social Event

McALLEN—Entertainment in the old-fashioned way was the unique feature of the luncheon given by Mrs. A. J. Campbell Thursday at her home. The guests were all dressed in old-fashioned dresses dating many years back.

On the buffet in the dining room there was a miniature living room as of the long ago. In this was a miniature Christmas tree decorated with many ornaments that has been in the family for years. Around the setting were placed gifts for everyone.

Those attending were Mesdames N. E. Buescher, A. L. Hart, D. C. Perkins, Gordon Brown of Weslaco, Anna Jo Jones, Charles Holland, Dick Moore, J. R. Russell and J. D. Lauck of Pharr.

Juniors Name New Officers

HARLINGEN — Officers were elected when the Junior Legion Auxiliary met Wednesday night at the home of Mary Collier. They are, Betty Lou Tatroe, president; and Mary Collier, vice president.

During the social hour refreshments were served.

A special guest was Mrs. Robert Roberson of San Antonio who told about the Veterans' Hospital in El Paso. She emphasized the appreciation the former service men show for any gifts or consideration.

Instead of their usual gift exchange, the Junior Auxiliary will send gifts to the hospital. Each is to take her gift to the next meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Collver on the Rio Hondo Road Wednesday, January 10, at 4 p.m.

JUNIOR B. T. S. HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Junior B. T. S. of the First Baptist Church was entertained with a merry Christmas party at the church Thursday evening with their leaders and sponsor, Mrs. Gus Fry, L. A. Wilson, and Mrs. C. A. Brierly, as hosts.

The Christmas motif was carried out in room decoration and the program featured carols and games. The Christmas story was read by Mrs. Brierly and prayer was given by Mrs. Fry.

Gifts were exchanged and punch and cookies served to 29.

Christmas Vespers Slated In Mission

MISSION—Senior and junior choirs of the First Presbyterian Church will present a Christmas Vesper service Sunday night at the church at 7 o'clock, announcements by the pastor, Rev. A. T. Dyal, revealed this week. At the morning worship hour, the pastor's sermon topic will be "Why Was Christ Born of Man?" Christmas music will be presented by the choir, including the prelude, Nazareth, by Gounod; the offertory, Schubert's Serenade; an anthem, Sing, Oh Heaven, by Tours; and the postlude, Grand Chorus by Lemaigre. Mrs. T. E. Wiedemann, choir director, will be assisted by Mrs. Hugh C. Proctor at the organ.

Class At Combes Guests For Party

COMBES—Mrs. Ray Hollida was hostess to her Sunday school class Monday with a taco supper and Christmas party.

Afterward the group went to the Baptist Church where they rehearsed for the Christmas program to be given Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Attending were the Misses Bertie Lee Bryant, Sunshine Gillespie, Bernice Haynes, Henrietta Richards, Francis Kilbourne, Eudene Haynes, Dorothy Thompson, Ruby Sibley, Beulah Thompson, Thelma Bell, Vera Belle Weaver, Verda Nell Weaver, Bettie Jo Weaver, Lorna Lamon, and Clarence Ray Holliday.

View Stage Show

SAN JUAN — The mothers and children of San Juan who attended the children's theatre in Harlingen Tuesday were: Mesdames Paul Reichert, Fred Davis, R. E. Williams, W. A. DeMange, E. A. Reichert, and Miss Doris Ewing. Glenn, Wilma Lois, Tommy, Lynette and Shirley Reichert, Margaret, J. C., and Mairlynn Motley, Bobby Demen, Harry and Jerry Harrison, Jane Ellen Mellenbruch, Ruth Rinkle, Barbara Ann Cramer, Teddy Fleck, Jerry and Jimmy Davis, Rita Jean Eggum, Jo Ann Stugard, Bonnie Lou Smith, and Suzanne Hall.

Gaymans Visit

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fricks have as their guests for the holidays, their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Gayman, Jr., and Mr. Gayman, and their infant son of San Antonio. Mrs. Fricks, who was with her daughter in San Antonio for the birth of the latter's son, November 26, returned to Brownsville with the San Antonio pair.

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Engagement Is Told

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Taormina of Donna and New Orleans announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Josephine, to Charles Messina of New Orleans. The marriage will be an event of late January. Many parties are already being planned for the popular bride-elect, the first of the series to be a luncheon at Casa de Palmas in McAllen. (Edrington Studio.)

Festive Event Is Party For Club Children

HARLINGEN—Exciting for both the young guests and their mothers was the gay Christmas party arranged Thursday by the Child Study Club for the children of members at the home of Mrs. A. H. Goldammer. The rooms were festive with Christmas flowers and colors while the glittering tree dominated the pretty scene.

Gifts for the children were taken from the tree by Santa and carols were sung by the group.

Most impressive was the Christmas story beautifully told by Mrs. Watler G. Maloan.

Refreshments expressive of the holiday season were served.

Christmas Party Held By O.E.S.

DONNA—The Christmas party of Donna Chapter 644, O.E.S., Tuesday evening featured carols led by Mrs. McAllister Price and the story of Christmas in the Castle told by Miss Polly Traux.

Each station was beautifully decorated with miniature Christmas trees, tinsel and properly tinted balls. The officers wore colorful evening frocks and the heap of gaily wrapped parcels for the inmates of the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, added cheery notes.

FROM MIRANDO CITY

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Robert Goode of Mirando City is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cowart, and Mrs. Goode's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Goode of San Benito. Mrs. Goode will arrive to spend Christmas Day.

Immigration into Hawaii, except for citizens from the American mainland, virtually has ceased.

J. C. Maxwells, Students To Arrive For Holidays

BROWNSVILLE—Arriving Monday will be Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Maxwell of Fort Worth, who will spend the holidays with Mrs. Maxwell's sister, Mrs. W. W. Ely, and Mrs. J. Earle Magill, Mr. Ely and Mr. Magill.

Accompanying the pair will be Miss Jeanne Magill, who has been attending Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York; Jimmy Magill, a student at New Mexico Military Institute, in Rosewell; Miss Mary Jane Ely, student at Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth; and Joe Kennedy, college student at Norman, Oklahoma.

McNairs Home

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McNair, and small daughter, Nancy, have returned from a month's stay away. They were guests of Mr. McNair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McNair, in Aiken, South Carolina, and of Mrs. McNair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Faust, in Augusta, Georgia. They returned by way of North Carolina and Tennessee.

To Kansas City

BROWNSVILLE — Fred B. Wagner planned to depart at the weekend for Kansas City, Missouri where he will join his wife and small son for a holiday visit with Mrs. Wagner's mother, Mrs. Elbert E. Smith. Mr. Wagner plans to return in about a week.

FROM OKLAHOMA

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Barbara Pendleton will arrive the first of next week from Tahlequah, Oklahoma where she is a student at the Teachers College. She will spend the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil W. Samuel.

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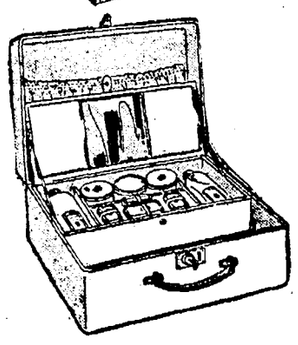

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Socialites Assemble For Luncheon

McALLEN — Smartest among the pre-Christmas parties in McAllen was the luncheon for which Mrs. Earl Baldridge was hostess at the Casa de Palmas Hotel Thursday.

The green of the organdy tablecloths with their centerpieces of red gladioli symbolized prettily the theme of the Christmas time. It was further expressed by placecards bearing holiday motifs.

High prize in the bridge games was won by Mrs. Clyde Hollon with Mrs. C. A. Winn taking bingo. The floating prize was won by Mrs. T. E. Vessels.

Guests included Mrs. Vessels, Mr. J. V. Carpenter, Mrs. John Lomax, Mrs. H. H. Damme, Mrs. J. P. King, Mrs. Hollon.

Mrs. R. L. Marston, Mrs. Dick Harris, Mrs. F. O. Swan, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. C. R. Nichols, Mrs. W. E. Crawford, Mrs. Lee Smith, Mrs. Jack Parker, Mrs. W. J. Carter, Mrs. R. F. Millar, Mrs. J. K. Boettger, Mrs. Bredo Christensen of Weslaco and Mrs J. G. Roberts.

Mrs. T. B. Hoffer and Mrs. Ben King of Edinburg were luncheon guests.

Alatheans Enjoy Party

HARLINGEN — The home of Mrs. D. B. Dunkin in Finwood Heights was in pretty Christmas attire Wednesday for the annual Christmas party for the Alathean Class of the First Methodist church. A sparkling Christmas tree held principal interest with red roses and red poinsettias affording pleasing color.

The program had for its highlight the Christmas story, "The Return of the Magi" by Manuel Komroff, which was superbly told by Mrs. Dan Murphy.

Accordion solos by Dorothy Ann Achilles included "Silent Night." David Ormesher led the group in singing and David Dague played violin solos.

In the dining room the table, laid with a white Madeira cloth, had red roses and poinsettias for centerpiece and was lighted by tall red tapers. Coffee and Christmas cookies were served.

Guests exchanged Christmas gifts and each also brought a gift for the Negro Methodist church.

Special guests were associate members who teach in the Sunday School and Mrs. P. M. Carraway, wife of the pastor.

The class presented the teacher, David L. Ormesher, with an appropriate Christmas gift.

Goes To Humble

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. G. S. Stell departed Thursday evening for Humble where she will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Herron, and Mr. Herron. She accompanied Miss Lucille Skinner who was en route to Columbus, called by the death of her mother.

Schmidts Depart

BROWNSVILLE—Departing Saturday morning for Dallas where they will spend the holidays were Mrs. Fritz J. Schmidt and her son and daughter, Freddy and Courtney. They will be guests of their brother and uncle, R. C. King, and Mrs. King.

Trio Hostess To Club

Hostesses at another of the enjoyable club Christmas parties this week in Brownsville are shown above. They are, left to right, Mrs. Harold R. McKay, Mrs. Maurice J. Tipton, and Mrs. A. V. Smith. The trio was hostess to members of the Wednesday Study Club at the McKay home.

Rehearsal Dinner Honors La Feria Bridal Party

LA FERIA—Members of the bridal party for the wedding of Miss Gwendolyn Anderson and Osborne M. Little, Weslaco, were honored with a six o'clock dinner given Saturday evening by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Anderson.

Marriage of the well-known couple will take place Sunday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church.

Rehearsal for the wedding ceremony was held after the smartly appointed three-course dinner was served.

Centerpiece for the table featured the bridal theme in white blowers with a torch of the season's colors being introduced by the use of red tapers in white holders.

Personnel for the event were the betrothed couple and Miss Marvis Anderson, Miss Martha Vernon Robinson, Donna; Buck Henson, Donna, and Darrell Anderson, McAllen.

Hudson Girl Home

BROWNSVILLE — Arriving Saturday morning from Natick, Massachusetts to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Hubert R. Hudson was Caroline Hudson. Caroline is a student at the Walnut Hill school in Natick.

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Suttons Hosts For Party Event

BROWNSVILLE — One of the delightful pre-holiday parties was the dinner and bridge at which Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Sutton were hosts Thursday evening at El Jardin hotel.

Guests were seated at a large, U-shaped table which was pretty with its arrangements of poinsettias and lighted red tapers.

Games of bridge were enjoyed following dinner. High score was made by Mrs. W. E. McDavitt and A. K. Black.

Included in the guest list were about fifty from Brownsville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sams of New Rochelle, New York.

To Visit Daughters

MISSION — Mrs. E. M. Douthit of Lueders, has arrived for an extended visit with her three daughters, Mrs. Murray Long of Sullivan City; Mrs. Charles Reagan, McAllen; and Mrs. W. T. Barbee, Weslaco.

TO SPEND HOLIDAYS

WESLACO—Miss Jane Omo who is attending T.S.C.W. at Denton for her second year will arrive in Weslaco Sunday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Omo.

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SACRED CANTATA SET SUNDAY NIGHT

A sacred cantata, "The King of Kings" by Dr. J. B. Herbert will be presented at the offering of the South Mission Methodist church for their annual Christmas music program, Sunday night at 7 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Adolfo de la Garza will direct the choir and Miss Elena Barrera will be at the piano. The pastor, Rev. Josue Gonzales, will assist.

MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

MISSION — Solemn high mass will be read at 12 o'clock midnight at the St. Paul's Catholic church, Christmas Eve, December 24, it was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Emil Platte, O. M. I. Preceding the mass, the choir will sing Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Mary Schmitt. Altar boys for the service will be Walter Volz, Jimmie Rome, Herbert Melch, Paul Seitz, Gene Dondlinger, and Clifford Achee.

Christmas morning, low mass will be read at 7:30 and high mass at 9:30 o'clock.

Special Music Sunday Night

RAYMONDVILLE—The program of music to be given at the Methodist church on Sunday evening at 7:30 will include:

"Comfort Ye My People;" "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," from Handel's Messiah, sung by Grady Whittle of Lyford.

Choruses from "The Infant King," Ira B. Wilson; "Mine Eyes Shall See the King," soprano obbligato; "There Shall Come a Star," Mrs. Charles Barnett; "Pilgrims of the Night," soprano solo, Miss Marian Shrader.

"The Star and the Song," Women's chorus.

Offertory, "Jesu Bambino," Yon; "Bagpipe Carol" from the Polish.

Sextette, "Christmas Bells," Liddell, by Mesdames Frederick Humphrey, F. E. Fisher, Earl Gilliland, Ruth Coole, Harvey Beis and G. E. Bennack; chorus, "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord;" organ and piano, "Grand Aria," Demarest, by Mrs. B. S. Wright and Mrs. C. E. Crowell.

Morning service in the Methodist church will be at 10:50. The Reverend Charles T. Hardt has chosen for the subject of his sermon "Sounds of Christmas Time." The choir will sing "Shepherds' Story," a carol recently translated from the Polish.

Mrs. B. S. Wright is organist and Mrs. Ruth M. Coole, choir director.

Special Music In Weslaco

WESLACO—Special music is being planned for both services at the Methodist church Sunday, December 22, commemorating the Christmas story.

At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. J. A. Medley, Jr., director, announces a combined choir of the junior and senior groups will sing Christmas carols.

Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill of San Benito will be the guest soloist and Mrs. E. A. Davis, Harlingen, will present as the special feature Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

During the morning service with the pastor Rev. Bishop having as the theme "No room in the Inn," special musical selections will include a quartet composed of Mrs. D. E. Ransom, Mrs. J. A. Medley, Jr., Mr. Ransom and Merlin Marshall, with Donald Fleming as soloist.

Santa Motif For Party

LOS FRESNOS — Miss Geneva Palmer was hostess at a delightful party on Friday afternoon, December 20, honoring the tenth birthday of her niece, Shirley Ann Oliver.

The Christmas theme was noted in the decorations of the home. The dining room was centered by a pair of red Santa Claus boots and poinsettias. Favors were Santa's boots. The guests were entertained by games and a song was dedicated to the honoree in a radio hour.

Guests included Marjorie Hinkley, Grover and Frank Greer, Marilois Barr, Noelda and Moan Ryall, Helen Grabowski, Billie Joyce Pederson, Lucila Hernandez, Patsy and Anna Mae Sanders, William Lee Moses, Lynette and Alda Mae Brown of San Benito, Bryan Finley of San Benito, Maude and Leta Mae Jennings, Mrs. E. A. Oliver, Mrs. Hall Palmer, Mrs. W. B. Palmer, Mrs. G. C. Parrish, Mrs. Leon Hinkley, Mrs. Grover Greer and Miss Vera Ely.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

LOS FRESNOS — Paul Pederson returned Tuesday from Abilene Christian College to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Pederson.

Memory Is Honored

Sunday afternoon at Combes, a flower park is to be dedicated to the memory of the late Susan E. Wetmore at the Combes Methodist Church where she was a loyal and faithful member. The Rev. A. C. Bell, pastor, will be in charge of the dedication service. Mrs. Wetmore was the mother of Mrs. W. Q. Adams, well-known Combes resident, and at present president of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society. (Holbrook Studio.)

Vesper Organ Recital Will Be Given Sunday

HARLINGEN — Second annual vesper organ recital, a Christmas custom inaugurated last year by Miss Virginia Perry, organist, will be held Sunday at five o'clock in the First Methodist church. The music, depicting Christmas carols and tone poems of Christmas scenes from nine different nations, will be done entirely by candlelight.

The concert was planned to satisfy the need many feel at Christmastime for music expressive of the message of the Nativity. Miss Perry has explained. By request she is repeating a considerable portion of the program she played in her pre-Christmas recital last year. The program includes:

"A Christmas Fantasy" (Antioch) H. A. Norris. "Antioch," sung to the words, "Joy to the World," is said to be arranged from Handel's "Messiah."

"Carillons of Poland," a famous old chime carol, is arranged for organ in this recital. The chimes are the exact tones played on the famous carillon in the cathedral at Warsaw.

"Christmas Snows of Sweden," Harvey Gaul, develops the theme, "Come, Christmas snow, blot out a world of loathesome sin."

"Noel: With Variations," Robert L. Biddle, commemorates the custon in French provinces when the Towncrier is accompanied by musicians playing oboes and flutes. Windows fly open and each household joins the carol, "Noel! Noel!"

"A Carpenter is Born," Garth Edmundson, a modern composer, is typically American and is the second movement from the "Apostolic Symphony."

"Il Natale in Silicia," by Pietro Yon composer of the much loved "Gesu Bambino," represents bells in the distance and the native bagpipes of Sicily.

"The Christmas Pipes of County Clare," Gaul, is an old Irish tune and is used in procession with flutes, oboes, and pipes.

"The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre," Alexander Russell, is one of four tone poems, and was inspired by the chimes of the church in Canada, gathering of the faithful, chanting of the choir, and other details of service ending with bells in the distance.

"Christmas Pastorale," F. Flaxington Harker, was written in 1918 and known as "Silent Night," probably has become the world's favorite Christmas carol.

Throng Hears Sacred Music Of Christmas

SAN BENITO—Despite the steady rain, listeners packed the high school auditorium Tuesday evening for the concert of Christmas music featuring the San Benito Choral club and guest musicians, Mrs. James D. Ward and Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill, soloists; Louis Valle, violinist, and Robert K. Reed, organist. W. Edward Hatchett was director.

Reverent joy was the dominant note of the Christmas music, presented with exceptional finish and beauty and the impression of the sacred aspect of Christmas was enhanced for the audience by a series of tableaus staged in a Gothic niche at the end of the stage. Each group of figures dramatized the underlying theme of the Christmas hymns, and the richness and picturesqueness of their costumes was emphasized in contrast by the simple white choir robes worn by the 80 singers.

The tableaus were arranged by Miss Martha Ann Swafford and costuming was by Miss Viola Prentiss.

Especially well done among the choral numbers were "The First Noel" followed by Mrs. Ward's singing of "Cantique de Noel," a number that added much to the concert.

Particular interest centered upon Miss Cowgill, a music student at the University of Colorado since she was soloist for the choral club directed by Mr. Hatchett when she was a San Benito high school student.

Her first solo, Schubert's "Ave Maria," swept a responsive wave over the hushed auditorium, but it was excelled by her presentation of "O, Come and Adore Him," with violin obbligato, a number that for many was the highlight of the entire concert.

Nativity Pageant To Be Given Sunday

LOS FRESNOS — The young people of the Baptist Church will present the Nativity at the church on Sunday evening at 7:45. Other features of the evening will be a Christmas tree and observance of "White Christmas" for the benefit of the Buckner Orphan's Home at Dallas.

Meet Postponed To Visit In Austin

HARLINGEN — Postponement of the quarterly meeting of the City Federation of Missionary Societies until some time in January has been announced. Regular meeting date would have been December 31.

Event Given For Husbands

LA FERIA — Twenty members and their husbands and several guests shared in the annual Christmas party arranged by La Feria Home Demonstration club merbers this week to honor their husbands. Present in addition to members and their husbands were:

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ford, Mrs. Mittie Flentge, Miss Verna Flentge, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Roland, Miss Lucile Wessels, Mrs. A. R. Marche, Mrs. E. W. Walk, Mrs. John R. Davis, Mrs. H. D. Wessels, Mrs. J. O. Durham, and Mrs. A. C. Herren, members of the social committee, are hostesses.

An elaborate turkey dinner was served buffet style.

The tables were decorated with low bowls of poinsettias.

Mrs. Ray Foncannon, president, welcomed the group.

After the menu, a program was presented with Mrs. J. K. Collins in charge. Group singing of carols was enjoyed and a talk by O. O. Butcher on "The Origin of Santa Claus."

Mrs. Hugh Davis and Mrs. E. B. George were in charge of the gift exchange which afforded special interest.

Presbyterian Service To Stress Music

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Phil G. King and Mrs. Jack Grimm will sing "The Birthday of a King" by Neidlinger-Deis at the 11 o'clock hour of worship Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian Church. At the same service the choir under the leadership of William C. Black will sing "That Glorious Christmas Morn" by F. Lester Price, with the incidental solo part being taken by Mrs. Henry Carlisle.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes playing the organ, and Mr. Sol Zimberoff the violin, and the choir will use "Festival Prelude" for the prelude and introit. For the offertory Miss Challes will play "Silent Night" arranged by Clarence Kohlmann and for the postlude she will play "Christmas Bells" by Wallace Johnson.

"Emmanuel" will be the subject of the pastor's sermon Sunday morning.

Sunday evening at 6:45 the senior young people and the pioneer departments of the Church will present the Christmas pageant "Abide With Us."

Monday evening at 7:30 the Sunday school and Church will have a Christmas party. On Tuesday night this Church will have a Christmas Eve service. This will begin at 11 o'clock.

Concert Set Sunday Night

SAN JUAN — A choir of 33 voices will present the annual program of Christmas music at the People's Church of San Juan, Sunday night at 7:30. The choir is under the direction of Miss Doris Ewing, with Mrs. A. B. Cron as pianist. The program follows:

Processional: "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful."

"Shepherds' Story," Mrs. Paul Hetrick, Bryan Harris, Jerry Stugard.

"Holy Season"—Croatian Carol. Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Mrs. John Spencer, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"—Choir.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"—Choir. Selections by Junior High School Sextette.

"Contique de Noel"—Adma. Mrs. Paul Hetrick.

"We, Three Kings."—Bryan Harris, R. E. Williams, Jerry Stugard.

"Gloria" by Mozart—Choir.

"The First Noel," Mrs. C. M. Harris, Mrs. Banks Miller, Bryan Harris, J. C. Doedyns.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," Mrs. C. M. Harris.

"Silent Night"—Choir.

"Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel—Choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service. Members are asked to bring a gift of food for the Community Christmas Chest, wrapped in white paper.

Teachers Go For Holidays

LOS FRESNOS — With the closing of school Friday for a two weeks holiday the teachers will depart for various destinations.

Leaving during Friday are Mrs. Mary Rose and Miss Juanita Riney to Denton, Nolan C. Hatcher to Texarkana, Norman Sommer to La Feria, Miss Evelyn Page to Waco, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Parrish to San Juan, San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Chastain to Brownwood and Waco, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kraner to Wichita Falls, Miss Syble Beachum to Raymondville, Miss Doyce Greer to Vernon, Miss Jane Martin Kirkpatrick to Sinton, Miss Vera Ely to Merkel, Miss Katheryn Holt to Center and Miss Aline Goates to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Remaining in Los Fresnos are Mrs. Hall Palmer, Miss Evon Shankle, and Mrs. Martha Canfield.

Recent Rites Read For Valley Couple

SAN JUAN — Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Frances Dowling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dowling of Donna, and Sam J. Davis of San Juan. The ceremony was read Saturday, Dec. 14, in the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Carrie Lou Dolsen, in San Juan.

The Rev. Clement E. Lewis officiated.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held and refreshments were served.

Guests were Dorothy Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hein, Jr., and little son, Bobby, Charley Crawford, Glen Hein and the groom's sister, Mrs. Dolsen.

The couple will reside in San Juan.

Progreso Girls Club Enjoys Candy Making

PROGRESO—Candy-making was carried out when the Progreso Girls 4-H club met Saturday at the home of Barbara Shull. Miss Marie Miller, home demonstration agent, directed the candy-making.

Plans were made for the next meeting and games were played.

After a gift exchange, refreshments were served.

Present were Barbara and Dorothy Shull, Margaret Kenan, Dorothy Mullins, Murlene Jones, Hazel Reimenscheider, Naomi and Evelyn Card, Ginger Rupert, Evelyn Curtis, Harriet Boise, Verna Mae Purl.

Church Of Epiphany Announces Services For Coming Week

RAYMONDVILLE — Services scheduled as Christmas observance have been announced by Rev. Robert A. Martin, pastor, for the Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal) as follows:

Services for December 22nd. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion with sermon, 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Vespers 8 p.m.

Christmas Day the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The three Holy Days following Christmas, St. Stephen's Day, St. John Evangelist Day and Holy Innocents will be observed with one service on Friday the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Pageant To Be Feature Of Service

RAYMONDVILLE — A special Christmas program will be presented at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 7 p. m.

The pageant "Abide With Us," by Joseph M. Garrison will be presented: Readers, Mrs. Rollie D. Smith and Mrs. E. E. Baden; Wise Men, Fred Stephens, Howard Lewis and Gené Reagan. Vested choir personnel includes Jo Del Keepers, Polly Burgeson, Cecilia Yeargan, Ethel Chambers, Margaret Meredith, Ruth McElroy, Jacqueline Boyle, Joyce Stephens and Billy McCharen, Burlyn Elders, Lester Elders, A. C. Burgeson, Blake Wilson, Edwin Becka, Wesley Lewis, Angels, Frances Davis, Charlene Reagan, Peggy Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chambers are decorators for the church; Mrs. E. E. Baden is program chairman, and Mrs. M. C. Yeargan choir director, accompanied by Mrs. S. E. Reed.

Following the service Santa Claus will visit the children of the church school in a special little assembly. And afterwards a group of members from the senior and intermediate departments will sing carols over town, accompanied by woodwind instruments.

The pageant, "Abide With Us," was written by a classmate of Mr. Yeargan's at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Morning service at the Presbyterian church will be at 11 o'clock. The Reverend M. C. Yeargan has chosen for his theme for the morning address "Christ Revealing God to Us."

A box for gifts for the needy will be placed in the vestibule.

Child Health Topic For Dorcas Society

SAN JUAN — Members of the Dorcas Society met for missionary study Thursday afternoon at the People's church. Mrs. J. Beaty Smith gave the devotional.

Mrs. C. M. Harris sang "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Paul Hetrick. Mrs. Armour Moore was appointed by the president, Mrs. W. A. DeMange, to succeed Mrs. O. H. Stugard as mission chairman.

The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Nanna Smith county nurse who spoke on the "Well baby conference" at the close of Mesdames Lee M. Green, Banks L. Miller, T. E. Thompson and Ray Fraim served cake topped with whipped cream and coffee.

Fireman's Auxiliary Has Jolly Evening

DONNA — Mr. and Mrs. George Ray entertained the Donna Volunteer Fire Department and the Auxiliary Wednesday evening with an unusually gay Christmas party. A beautifully illuminated tree dominated the living room and poinsettias were used about the home. The lace laid table was also adorned with tall, burning red and green candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Jay Seiver, president of the Auxiliary, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leadbetter received the guests at the door and later served the delicious sandwiches and coffee, punch and Christmas cookies.

Mrs. Guy Ennis was in charge of the games that occupied the evening until time for the exchange of gifts among the twenty-six adults present. For the eleven children there were especially planned gifts under the tree.

FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

DONNA — Chilton Stevens of Corpus Christi arrived in Donna on Thursday to visit Walter G. Weaver.

Christmas Cantata Set Sunday Night

RAYMONDVILLE — The Baptist church on Sunday at 7:45 p. m. will present the beautiful Christmas cantata, "The Nativity Song," by Roy E. Nolte, with Stanley Addington directing and Mrs. A. T. Harper at the piano.

Soloists include: Miss Annie Lee Hatchitt, T. E. Halpin, Miss Marjorie Wilson and Mrs. Leland Miller.

Choir personnel includes: Sopranos, Mesdames T. E. Halpin, R. E. Manning, Leland Miller, H. C. Cowart, Earl Spinks, Perry Holder, Milton Cunningham, E. M. Keck, and Misses Annie Lee Hatchitt, Barbara Calloway and Mildred Widman.

Altos: Mesdames N. C. Tracy, E. B. Burton, Doyne Holder and Misses Dorothy Nell Parr, Betty Mungerson, Marjorie Wilson, and Sybil Beachum.

Basses: Harry Douthit, Bob Parr, W. O. Friffin, T. E. Halpin, Richard Jernigan.

Tenors: Tom Harris Page, Junior Page, C. C. Holt, A. N. Davis and Judson Savage.

Morning service at the Baptist church will be at 11 o'clock with the Reverend Milton E. Cunningham pesenting the Christmas sermon.

Special Christmas carols will be sung by the choir with Mrs. Leland Miller, of Corpus Christi, as soloist, accompanied by Mrs. A. T. Harper.

A White Christmas Service will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10:50 to 11:10. The entire church will be decorated in tube roses and a white table will receive the gifts for the needy, all wrappd in white.

"The Birth of Christ" will be read by Mrs. Perry Holder. During the presentation of the gifts by members of the congregation Mr. Stanley Addington, Mrs. Leland Miller and Mrs. Doyne Holder will sing softly "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Grace Church Services Set

WESLACO — A Christmas schedule will be observed at Grace Episcopal Church Sunday and special Christmas services will be held Christmas eve starting with vespers at 5 p.m.

Services announced by Rev. Robert A. Martin, pastor, are as follows:

The Little White Church Always Open for Prayer and Meditation.

Services for December 22nd. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Morning Prayer with sermon 11 a.m.

Christmas schedule.

Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th. Vespers 5 p.m. Prayers with the children before the Creche. At 11:30 p.m. the Christ Mass. This midnight Holy Communion is the great service of the Christian year. The service proper will be preceded by the singing of carols. Each worshipper will be provided with a copy of the full service in order that everyone may follow the service. The public is especially invited to this service. Special music will be sung.

Christmas Day the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day, Thursday, December 26th. Holy Communion at 10 a.m. This service observes the life of the first martyr.

St. John Evangelist Day Friday, December 27th. Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Holy Innocents Day the Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Altar Boys Will Be Guests Sunday

MISSION — Altar boys of St. Paul's Catholic church will be guests of their pastor, Rev. Father Emil Platte, Sunday afternoon for a Christmas party and games at the Parish hall. They have been invited to arrive at 3 o'clock.

In the senior group are Herbert Melch, Paul Seitz, Clifford Achee, James Theis, Walter Volz, Jimmie Rome, Dickie Brown, Jackie Achee, Robert Volz, Clifford Rome, Dickie Volz, Robert Rome and Robert Achee. In the beginners group are Alfred Townsend, Frances Burrhus, Herbert Wolf, Gene Dondlinger, Billy Dondlinger, Fred Gerlach, Herbert Truhe, Carroll Tanner, Bobby Doyle, Wendell Corpstein, Pat Townsend, and Paul Achee.

EDCOUCH—Oleta (Boots) Harris has gone to Harlingen where she is employed IN A BEAUTY SHOPPE.

Christmas Luncheon Observed In San Benito Is Annual Club Affair

SAN BENITO — The What To Read Club held its annual Christmas luncheon at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel Saturday. The table was centered with miniature Christmas carol singers, and the colors of red, white and silver were carried out in the decorations.

The program included Scripture by Mrs. W. C. McConnell, Story of "The Passion Play" by Mrs. F. L. Paschall; and Christmas music by Mrs. A. J. Moore.

Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill sang two solos "Birthday of a King", by Niedlanger and "Ho-Mr. Piper," by Curran.

Gifts were exchanged and each gift was wrapped in red, white and silver.

Members attending were Mesdames Othel Bigham, Orville Brown, W. R. Brown, O. L. Byrd, Burger, J. D. Casey, Bill Duncan, M. B. Finley, A. J. Garey, H. V. Gordon, W. W. Housewright, R. Hanson, Al Lamm, A. J. Moore, C. L. Jones, W. C. McConnell, F. L. Paschall, L. W. Pratt, H. Schneider, B. M. Sheffey, W. J. Shidler, J. A. Welch, Geo. Wilson. Miss Florence Ellen Cowgill was a guest.

Midnight Mass Set For Christmas Eve At St. Alban's

HARLINGEN — Midnight mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's church Christmas Eve, starting at 12 o'clock. Music by the choir with special solos will be featured in the service.

Services will be held Christmas morning at 7:30 and 10:30 o'clock.

There will be no service the night of Christmas Day.

Churches In Mission Plan Observances

MISSION — Two events are listed on the calendar for members of the First Christian church congregation Sunday as the pre-Christmas observance of the church. Sunday morning has been designated "Family Day" in the Sunday School and church with all families of the congregation urged to attend in family groups. A presentation service for children of seven or under is planned at the worship hour when they and their parents will participate in a recognition service. The sermon topic will be "The Child in Our Midst," it was announced by the pastor, Rev. E. R. McWilliams.

At the Sunday School hour, the "Family Day" observance will be stressed in a brief program conducted by E. E. Marburger, superintendent of the church school.

Sunday night, the annual Christmas tree and treats program will be held at 7:45 o'clock, sponsored by the Laymen's League of the church. The tree will be decorated by the Co-Ed Class, taught by Mrs. A. J. Whittlesey. Sacks of candies and fruit will be filled by the Willing Workers class, taught by Mrs. P. C. Avery.

Holiday Setting Created For Party For Club Members

SAN BENITO — Mrs. A. M. Hervey entertained the Thursday contract Club at her home in rooms decorated in the Christmas theme. Gifts were distributed from the pretty Christmas tree.

When playing ended Mrs. Paul Hill held high and received the award.

Refreshments served at the close of the afternoon carried out the holiday colors.

Guests were Mrs. Tom Jones and Mrs. Neil Monger.

Members playing were Mesdames Mary Anderson Foehner, Jesse Welch, A. M. Hervey, Paul Hill, R. B. Stewart, O. C. Hamilton, Frank Carter, Tol Boswell, F. B. Sublett, and E. O. Seiser. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Hill.

Nativity Stressed In Program Slated For Baptist Church

HARLINGEN—Special Christmas music will be featured at both morning and evening services Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

In the morning Foster Tebbe at the memorial organ will play by special request, Grieg's "Daybreak" for offertory. The anthem by the choir will be "Bethlehem" with Miss Emogene Oler as soloist; Adeste Fidelis will be among the hymns for the congregation; and the Postlude will be Lemmons "Shepherd's Chorus."

The Christmas theme will be carried out at the evening hour with music and a baptismal service as special features.

Trio Hostesses For Class Party

WESLACO—Miss Jessie Norton, Miss Lucille Brantley, and Miss Florine Oltman entertained the Beth Jernigan Class of the Methodist Church School at the home of Miss Oltman.

A beautiful Christmas tree and bouquets of gorgeous poinsettias and gladiolis decorated the home.

Games were followed by singing of carols, and gift packages were distributed.

Mrs. Jernigan was presented with a lovely mother of pearl locket shaped as a prayer book, a gift from the class.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Donna Class Entertained

DONNA — Mrs. Miller Hammons, assisted by Mrs. Fred Hammonds, entertained the Ruth Bible Class of the First Baptist church with an elaborate one o'clock buffet Christmas luncheon, Tuesday in Mrs. Hammon's home. In addition to the beautifully lighted tree in the living room, the entire house was elaborately decorated with gorgeous deep red poinsettias, roses, and verbena.

The long lace laid table, from which the abundant turkey dinner was served, was adorned with a runner of snow, and flanked poinsettias. In addition to the annual exchange of gifts between members of the class the group presented tokens of appreciation to their president, Mrs. Miller Hammons; secretary, Mrs. W. E. Rose, teacher; Mrs. H. V. Kennedy, an assistant teacher, Mrs. B. J. Patrick.

Guests were Mesdames Genie Wood, Jack Gibson, B. J. Patrick, J. C. Leadbetter, A. B. Sanders, Tom Crawley, L. B. Magee, R. D. Farris, J. V. McFarling, N. L. Range, A. B. Hill, Jesse Harbin, W. E. Rose, and John Norwood.

Miss Sheldon To Play Harp For Service

Midnight Mass At St. Anthony's

HARLINGEN — Miss Helen Sheldon, Mission, concert harpist, will play during the service at St. Alban's Episcopal Church Christmas Eve, Rev. John Phillips, rector, has announced. The service will start at 11:30 p.m. and be concluded about 1 a.m. The order of service is as follows:

Prelude, selected carols, "Adeste Fidelis" (Come All Ye Faithful).

Collect for Purity; Summary of the Law; Three-fold Kyrie.

Collects for the Day, the Epistle, The Gradual, the Allelujah in the Highest.

Gloria Tibi, The Gospel for Christmas.

Laus Tibi, Nicene Creed.

Sermon hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Sermon, "The Story of Christmas."

Offertory, "Silent Night," played on the harp by Miss Sheldon.

Presentation, Praise God, Great Intercession, Confession and Absolution, Comfortable Words, Sursum Corda, and Sanctus.

Benedictus Qui Venit.

The Canon, harp selection by Miss Sheldon.

The Pater Noster.

Prayer of Humble Access, harp number by Miss Sheldon.

Agnus Dei, Lesser Intercession, Glory in Escelsis.

Benediction, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" by choir and harp.

Recessional hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

The church will be beautifully decorated with greens, poinsettias, and carnations for the midnight mass.

Several memorials will be dedicated and blessed at this service.

Miss Sheldon is to be accompanied by Wilfred-St. Clair Fisher of Mission at the organ.

Strangers and guests are welcome to the midnight mass.

Christmas morning at 7:45 a.m. there will be a quiet service of Holy Communion.

Community Sing Set

SAN BENITO — The San Benito Music Club will sponsor a Community Sing on Christmas Eve at nine o'clock, at the corner of Sam Houston and Batts Streets. Last year a similar Christmas singing was presented by the Music Club, and was received with such enthusiasm that many requests have been made for a repetition this year.

The city officials as well as all business and professional people are giving full cooperation in the movement. The one hundred block on West Batts street will be closed to traffic during the performance, and parking will be under the supervision of the police department. The Central Power and Light Company will furnish light for the occasion.

Music will begin at nine o'clock, the period of intermission between theatre performances, after which families will have ample time for their home customs. Following the program on the street several groups will sing carols for Christmas parties and shutins.

The program Tuesday evening will consist of massed choir numbers and community singing under the direction of Mrs. G. H. Schurman, as well as several instrumental numbers under Louis Valloe.

An invitation has been sent out to all church choirs and other singers to join the massed choir and assist in this and future community programs.

There will be a rehearsal of the Massed Choir at the Christian church on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock directed by Mrs. G. H. Schurman. All church choirs and local singers have been invited to take part in the Community Sing on Christmas Eve at nine o'clock.

Bride-Elect Honor Guest

DONNA—Honoring Miss Gwendolyn Anderson, whose marriage to Osborne Little of Weslaco will be an event of Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church of La Feria, Mrs. Forrest Groves and Miss Martha Robinson entertained from four until six on Wednesday afternoon, in Mrs. Grove's home, with a bathroom shower.

As the guests assembled the hostesses strung a clothesline across the living room. The gay parcels were then presented to the honoree, piled in a clothesbasket. As she opened each towel, and oddly enough most of them were dusty rose, she was asked to pin it on the line.

At the close of the afternoon, while Mrs. Earl Murray poured coffee, the hostesses served cookies, sandwiches, and mints wrapped in poinsettias from a table decorated with poinsettias, red candles and snow.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were Mesdames Robert Turner, W. R. Jackson, A. B. Sanders, W. R. Somers, Bud Boye, H. B. Scott, Branch Roberts, E. A. Boyce, John Norwood, Nelson Jean, Lucile Bruch, Earl Murray, and the Misses Ora Mills, Lucile Penn, Nell Moye, Calla Stainke, Lavetta Huggins, Mae Wood, Sally Weaver, Bernice Cook, Louise Boyce, and Laura Snyder.

TO SAN ANTONIO

SAN BENITO — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill and children Paulie and Lucius left Saturday for Austin to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hill's parents.

Elsa Child Is Honored On Birthday

ELSA—Mrs. Steve Hood entertained at the week-end honoring her daughter, Maridell, on her seventh birthday. A beautiful large decorated Christmas tree was the center of attraction in the living room where the little guests played games.

The hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Glenn Sigle, served birthday cake, cookies and cocoa.

Guests were Phyllis Galloway, Frances Dean and Frank Allan Smith, Bobby and Dicky Williams, Mary Ann Russell, Faye and Clifton Jackson, Buddy Poignee, Doreen and Velma Jo Morrison, Barbara Polk, Kenneth Poole, Ernest Whitman, Patsy Ruth and Roland McDaniel, Maridell and Coy Hood, Emma Gene Galbreath, Mrs. Vernon Jackson, and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Next meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Edcouch Methodist church was set for December 31 when the group met Wednesday at the church. Mrs. R. E. Bowker was in charge of the worship program.

Mrs. John Carr presented Annabelle Hughes and Patsy Graham in a piano recital at her new studio in Elsa Monday evening. The studio was attractively decorated to portray the Christmas season.

After the recital, Mrs. Wm. Hughes and Mrs. D. M. Graham served dainty refreshments to the large group of friends who were guests.

Librarians Are Honored By Luncheon

SAN BENITO — The Library Board entertained with a luncheon honoring Mrs. Daisy Kenton and Miss Effie Watson at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel Thursday.

The table was decorated with white and red poinsettias and Brazilian peppers. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson presented each of the honorees with a red cellophane stocking of silver in appreciation of the work that they have done for library throughout the year.

Mrs. Kenton and Miss Watson responded with very interesting talks.

Mrs. Barrier sang a solo, and each guest gave a "thought" of Christmas.

Those enjoying the delightful courtesy were Mesdames Watson, Kenton, Woodrow Wilson, John Prentiss, Harry Carroll, J. Sullivan, J. Tucker, Robert Bone, L. A. Barrier, R. M. Pratt, Morgan Finely, George Willson, F. W. Burgess and H. C. Massey.

Annual Party Is Enjoyed

SAN BENITO—Among the many enjoyable pre-holiday events was the annual party for members and guests of the Browne Tract Club at the home of Mrs. Leslie Carpenter Wednesday. A co-operative luncheon was served buffet style, followed by a Christmas program.

The guest rooms were attractive in holiday attire with vivid poinsettias and red hibiscus in pleasing arrangement, and a gayly decorated Christmas tree and Christmas bells adding interest to the scene.

Each member answered roll call by giving something of particular interest relating to Christmas.

Miss Lu Elsie Nagel, home demonstration agent, reported on the social and economic value of the cotton mattress campaign.

A clever original poem, relating the history and accomplishments of the club and naming members and officers was given by Mrs. Fred Carpenter.

After the program, Santa with a huge basket of gifts was welcomed.

Guests were Miss Nagel, Mrs. C. M. Estes, and Miss Vera Bencix.

Club Guests Of Mrs. Loe

RAYMONDVILLE — The pretty home of Mrs. I. B. Loe was the setting for the Christmas luncheon for members of the Wednesday Afternoon Club, with Christmas greens adding their fragrance and shimmering silver gleam to the rooms.

The large dining table from which the luncheon was served buffet was covered with a lace cloth of elaborate pattern, and centered with a diminutive silver tree. A large silver tree formed the chief decoration in the reception room; this was decorated in the myriad colors of the rainbow.

Following the luncheon bridge was enjoyed and Mrs. Snow was the lucky member.

Guests were Mrs. Eugenia Bannister and Mrs. H. D. Campbell. Members were Mesdames Gene Smith, Harvey Geis, Lud Snow, Don Hightower, E. M. Tomme, C. D. Ritter, B. S. Wright, J. G. Caudel, John Fambrough and C. N. Howard.

Christmas Party Enjoyed By Class

MISSION — Junior girls of the Presbyterian church school were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday evening when their teachers, Mrs. A. T. Dyal, was hostess. Games of monopoly provided the entertainment before gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Class members and their guests who were in the party included Patty Frank Euler, Dorothy Ann Daniel, Charlotte Gibbs, Grace Graham, Tommie Jean Gill, Mary Carolyn Martin, Margaret Peterson, Maria Brooks and Tommy Dyal, Jr.

Newcomer And House Guest

Mrs. Walter Benson of Pharr (right) one of the city's newest new-comers, is shown with her recent house-guest, Mrs. Ballard Montgomery (left) of Sinton, Texas, who was complimented with a beautifully appointed bridge party by her hostess, during her visit of several days in Pharr. Mrs. Benson and her husband moved to Pharr from Sinton several weeks ago. (Kerr Studio.)

Santa Rosa Ex-Students Plan For Annual Meet

SANTA ROSA — The Santa Rosa Ex-Students Association will hold a regular meeting in the grammar school auditorium December 27, from two until five o'clock. Following the business meeting there will be a tea in the high school dining room, sponsored by the senior class. James Henry Eubanks, of the Class of '41, will give the welcome to the ex-students, and Charles Dudley, of the class of '36, will give the response.

Each class represented at the meeting will be asked to present some kind of stunt, and a valuable prize will be given the class that is judged the best.

All Ex-Students are especially urged to attend the meeting, as much interest is being shown among graduates of the Santa Rosa high school.

The Ex-Students Association was organized in 1938, and the first meeting was held on December 27 of that year. The following Ex-Students were elected as the first officers of the Association:

William Dudley, president, Class of '33; Folk Weaver, vice president, class of '28; Mrs. Carmen Heald, secretary, class of '28; George Shimek, reporter, Class of '39.

The second meeting of the Ex-Students association was held on December 27, 1939, and was sponsored by the Senior class of 1940. The following officers were elected to hold office for the year: Mrs. Carmen Heald, president, George Shimek, vice-president; Mrs. James Nichols, secretary; class of '38; and Charles Dudley, reporter, Class of 1936.

Mrs. Bourne Hostess For Club Party

SANTA ROSA—Members of the Santa Rosa Garden club were entertained at the annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. O. Bourne.

Mrs. Mary C. Staats was director of the program and gave an illustrated description of her travels from Paris through the Holy Land. Members responded to roll call with Christmas poems, stories and experiences, and descriptions of Christmas in Palestine and other lands.

Beautiful decorations of double poinsettias and evergreens made a delightful setting for the party, one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

The members brought gifts for the Harlingen Nursery.

Guests were Mesdames Ralph Archer, Porficio Cantu, Rucker Standord, all of Lyford, and Mrs. J. S. Snyder of Santa Rosa. Members attending were Mesdames Staats, Chriti Berquist, Donna Stevens, G. M. McCraney, Chester Flint, T. J. Dudley, Scotty Norman, Ada Sibson, and Miss Bettie Jo Bourne.

The January meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. W. D. Cox, club president, with Mrs. McCraney as leader of the program.

Smart Event Is Luncheon

RAYMONDVILLE — A very lovely luncheon was given by Mrs. Fredrick Humphrey on Thursday at one o'clock for members of her club. The house throughout was like a Christmas fairy scene.

The large buffet table was covered with a blanket of artificial snow from which hung a fringe of icicles. A center container of crystal held a low arrangement of poinsettias and crrysanthemums. Rich red tapers in crystal holders and reindeer completed the decoration.

Small tables were attractively centered with small poinsettias and holly.

Following the elaborate luncheon there was an exchange of gifts.

Guests were Mesdames J. B. Chambers and Murray Floyd. Members present were Mesdames G. E Bennack, Harry Douthit, John Fambrough, Gorman Fox, Earl Gilliland, J. C. Brandt and L. C. Brenner. High award was presented to Mrs. Gilliland.

Attend Luncheon

SAN JUAN — Mrs. Zella Miller, past district deputy Grand matron of the O.E.S. chapter, Mrs. Mildred Cummings associate matron of San Juan O. E. S., Mrs. Constance Stensbo, protem for Mrs. Anna May Smith, Worthy Matron of San Juan O. E. S., and Walter F. Good, Worthy Patron attended a one o'clock turkey luncheon Thursday given by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Couch at their pretty home near Pharr when they honored the Valley matrons and associate matrons club thirty-six were present.

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Yule Party Is Observed By Members

LOS FRESNOS — The home of Mrs. N. G. Chatelle was beautifully and elaborately decorated in poinsettas when Mrs. Chatelle was cohostess with Mrs. Carl Buchan on Thursday afternoon at a Christmas party for members of the Womans Service Club.

The 1941 program committee composed of Mesdames E. W. Chase, Peter Watkins and E. A. Oliver presented the 1941 yearbooks during a brief business session.

Mrs. Frank Kretz was in charge of the program. The group sang Christmas songs and Mrs. H. J. Leach read "One Christmas Eve in Mexico." Mrs. Chatelle accompanied by Mrs. George Laakso gave a saxophone solo. As the roll was called members answered by relating the story of a Christmas custom. Gifts from a lovely tree were distributed and upon opening them each member learned the identity of her "secret friend" for the past year.

Mrs. E. C. Swann and Mrs. Buchan presided alternately at a silver coffee service in the dining room during the social hour. The table from which tea dainties were served was decorated in poinsettias flanked by lighted tapers in silver candle holders.

Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. M. E. Terrell, Mrs. D. Zumwalt of San Benito and Mrs. E. E. Hollon.

Members present were Misses Ethel Gammon and Geneva Palmer, Mesdames Harry Whipple, W. B. Palmer, U. J. Breedlove, Carl Buchan, E. W. Chase, N. G. Chatelle, Noel Ryall, R. Coon, C. B. Chase, G. C. Greer, Peter Watkins, James Brunwald, Leon Hinkley, Hall Palmer, Ed Hockaday, E. Rogers, Frank Kretz, George Laakso, H. J. Leach, Harry Lupton, F. C. Miller, Joe Nesetril, E. A. Oliver, E. A. Olson, F. C. Williams, J. E. Shankle, E. C. Swann.

LEAVING FOR HOLIDAYS

EDCOUCH — Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Galbreath and daughters plan to spend the Christmas holidays at Mason.

Future Bride Honor Guest

WESLACO—Miss Millicant Yoder was hostess with a delightful prenuptial compliment honoring Miss Lucille Chandler, bride-elect of Jack Tebbe, Thursday night at the Yoder home on Sixth street.

With school friends of Miss Chandler as guests, the lovely party featured a kitchen shower.

The Christmas colors were emphasized by poinsettias. A clever presentation of the shower gifts was made from the pretty Christmas tree, with a visit of old Santa Claus as a special guest of honor.

The refreshment table, lace laid, was centered by the reindeer and red tapers in crystal holders. Many Christmas delicasies were served.

Arrive For Holidays

RAYMONDVILLE—Among students arriving from colleges for the holidays are: Alden Gilliland from A. and M.; Basil Arnold, Abilene Christian College, Patricia Loe from Abilene Christian College; Madison Gilliland, A. and M.; Mike Crowell, Leslie Huff, Bill Rapp from University of Texas; Pauline Phillips of T.S.C.W., Denton.

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Bride-To-Be Honor Guest In Weslaco

WESLACO—Mrs. W. T. Barbee was hostess for a delightful prenuptial courtesy entertaining with a "crystal-china shower" as a compliment to Miss Maydeene King, bride-elect of Marion Busby of Lockhart.

The party was given Friday afternoon at the lovely country home of Mrs. Barbee which was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors. Poinsettias were the gorgeous flowers placed for entertaining, from four until five o'clock.

Miss Margaret Ann Mitchell presided at the bride's book, and the refreshment service was most attractive and delicious.

Mrs. Dort Davis was hostess for the lovely Christmas party Thursday afternoon, having as her guests the members of the San Souci Club.

The living rooms were pretty with arrangements of poinsettias and marigold, and a lovely tree forming the background for the gift exchange.

The games were in charge of Miss Delzell and the hostess served a delicious sweet course late in the afternoon.

The lovely home of Mrs. I. R. Stahl was the scene for a pleasant Christmas party Thursday afternoon when the members of the Dos Mesas Club enjoyed the afternoon's bridge games.

Gorgeous arrangements of scarlet poinsettias, red zinnias and chrysanthemums formed the floral note. Greenery and gold stars added a holiday touch. A lighted tree proved the center of gift exchange, with Mrs. Gordon Potts winner of score for games.

The hostess served a fruit and sweet course for the refreshment hospitality.

Arrangement Topic For Demonstration

SAN BENITO — Mrs. L. H. Thacker, vice-president of the Garden Club, presided at the meeting of the Club at the home of Mrs. W. J. Shidler Wednesday morning. During the business session reports of the recent council meeting at Los Fresnos were given by Mrs. C. W. Sullivan and Mrs. L. S. Tarwater.

Mrs. Tarwater had charge of the program and Christmas Customs of Greece, England, Armania, Bethlehem and France were given.

Mrs. L. J. Cilley gave a demonstration of Chinese arrangements on various colored plates.

Place of the next meeting will be announced later.

Valley Matrons Club Attends Christmas Luncheon At Pharr

PHARR—In brilliant Christmas time setting members of the Valley Matrons Club were entertained at luncheon Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Couch at Pharr at their home here.

Mr. Couch is past worthy grand patron of the Eastern Star of Texas.

The approaching holiday's influence dominated the decorative effects. The top of the mantle in the living room was strewn with poinsettias blossoms whose background was clusters of tiny lights. Elsewhere in the living rooms large bouquets of poinsettias were bright splashes of color.

The buffet, from which luncheon was served, held an arrangement of six red candles. Red streamers leading from the candles were stopped with tiny Christmas trees. Each quartet table was centered with red candle, surrounded by a wreath of greenery. Miniature Christmas trees were given each guest as a favor.

The program presented honored Mrs. Jane Hensley of La Feria, deputy grand matron, and Mrs. Ruth Freshour of Rio Hondo, past deputy grand matron, and Mrs. Ruth Freshour of Rio Hondo, past deputy grand matron. Both were given gifts by the assemblage.

Thirty matrons and associate matrons of the Valley's Eastern Star chapter were present. Other guests included Mrs. Zella Miller of San Juan, past district deputy; and Walter Good of San Juan, past deputy grand sentinel.

Brides-Elect Are Honored In Weslaco

WESLACO—Miss Mary Louise Johnston was hostess for a lovely pre-nuptial courtesy accenting the Christmas season Tuesday from five until six o'clock at the Johnston home honoring two brides-elect, Miss Maydeene King and Miss Lucille Chandler.

The lovely tea heralded the approach of the Yuletide in elaborate arrangements of red and white.

The tea table was centered by a gorgeous scarlet flat arrangement of poinsettias with red tapers in silver holders. Miss Mary Louise Gunther poured the tea and Miss Helen Batson served the embossed cakes.

Thirty guests with Mrs. Foster Tebbe of Harlingen and Mrs. Rhorback of St. Louis, mother and house guest at Harlingen.

Mrs. A. S. Pike, Mrs. J. L. Stone and Mrs. C. L. Burton were hostesses at the Pike home Wednesday afternoon, having as guests the members of the Alathean Class of the First Baptist Sunday school. During the afternoon Miss Maydeene King, bride-elect of Marion Busby of Lockhart, was honored with a delightful shower.

The living rooms was beautifully decorated with the red and green of the Christmas time and a tree formed a pleasing setting for the exchange of gifts by class members.

Mrs. Clifford Scott gave a Christmas reading and after the class business in charge of Mrs. C. L. Burton, president, a shower of gifts was presented to Miss King, and a clever mock wedding held with Mrs. F. T. Hudson, Mrs. W. L. Wagers, Mrs. Crowell and Mrs. Batson taking part.

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Robert Young planned to depart Saturday by plane for her home in New York where she will spend the holidays.

McAllen Pair Hosts For Christmas Party

McALLEN—Bright red flowers and a lighted Christmas tree added much to the gayety of the occasion when Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Elser gave the annual Christmas party for the Lutheran Ladies' Aid at their home Thursday afternoon.

There were several vocal solos presented and Miss Meta Schroeder played Christmas carols softly on the piano while Mrs. Louis Buck read the story of the "Birth of Our Savior."

Small Dinner Compliment To Bride

LA FERIA—Miss Elsie Thompson was hostess at Halliburton's Friday evening for an informal dinner honoring Miss Gwendolyn Anderson, bride-elect.

Placecards and centerpiece for the table emphasized the bridal motif. Seated with the honoree and hostess were Miss Edna Erickson, Miss Louise Hill, Harlingen; Mrs. Jim Goode, and Mrs. J. A. Hawkins.

The hostess presented an attractie gift to the honoree. The two have been friends since high school days when they graduated together and also were classmates at Brownsville Junior College.

Mrs. J. P. Bond was hostess to members of the Culture Club for a nine o'clock breakfast Friday morning. Decorations used in pretty profusion stressed the approach of the holiday season.

The breakfast table was decorated with poinsettias.

Mrs. A. L. Bishop gave the Christmas story from "Christmas In My Heart."

An exchange of gifts was enjoyed.

During the business session the group voted to assist in the program for furnishing codliver oil to one child for a year and to investigate giving other aid.

There were 12 present.

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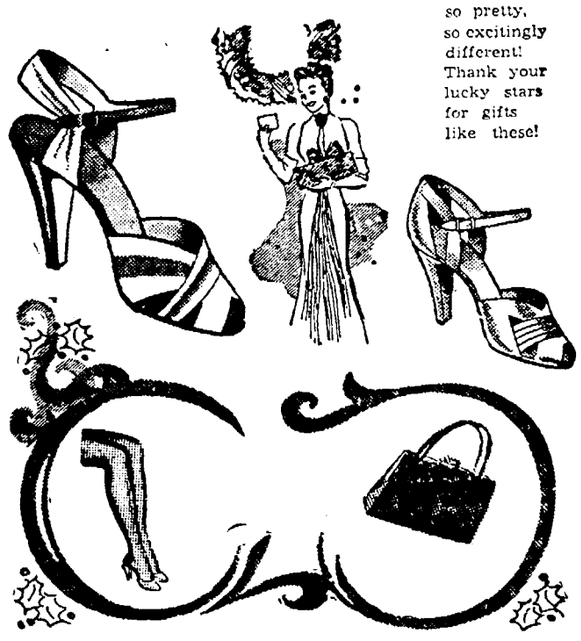

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Prompt Free Delivery
Phone 340 Harlingen

1. AUTOMOBILES

1a. Autos For Sale

1940 FORD Tudor De Luxe, radio. Demonstrator. Liberal discount. See Fred Zuehl, Boggus Motor Co., Harlingen.

1936 CHEVROLET four-door sedan, new condition. See Mr. Cowan at Courthouse Garage, or write Postoffice Box 665, Brownsville.

FOR SALE: 1938 Panel delivery. See Collier, First National Bank, Mercedes.

1937 CHRYSLER coupe, excellent condition. Good rubber. $325.00. No trade in. Will finance. Car to be seen at 315 West Harrison, phone 5, Harlingen.

1936 DODGE 4-door sedan, good shape. $225.00, would finance. Travelers Hotel, room 20, phone 769, Harlingen.

1c. Trade Autos

WANTED: A good late model car or truck as part payment on new house or duplex in Weslaco. Chas. E. Anderson, 623 Indiana ave., Weslaco, phone 356 after 6 p.m.

1d. Used Trucks

FOR SALE: 1941 Ford truck, 158" wheel base; 95 H.P.; dual wheels, oversized tires. Driven only 1700 miles. Cash or will consider trade for good rental property in Mission or McAllen. Can be seen at 224 West 15th street, Mission.

1f. Garages & Service Sta.

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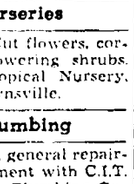
TO
RE-TIRE
Slick Tires Are DANGEROUS
Why Put Off Buying WHEN YOU CAN
GET A FISK



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SCOTT'S
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402 W. Harrison

1l. Trailers For Sale

TWO trailer bargains, one $250; one custom built. A steal at $500. Valley Trailer Co., 602 Ash ave., McAllen.

House Trailers
New and Used
Valley Trailer Co.
Samson's Trailer Courts
McALLEN

2. BUSINESS OPPOR.

2a. Business for Sale

FOR SALE: Operating business, combination grocery, cafe, filling station. Best location, reason for selling, sickness. Box BB, care Star, Harlingen.

DRIVE INN: Nite club, restaurant, excellent business. Government position. Terms if desired. Must sacrifice. The Flower Pot, Harlingen-San Benito highway or Box 1363, Harlingen.

FOR SALE: Cafe and drive-in doing nice business in a good town and a good location. Box 534, Pharr.

4. BUSINESS SERVICES

4e. Florist. Nurseries

ROSES: 35c dozen. Cut flowers, corsages, designs, flowering shrubs. Free delivery. Tropical Nursery, phone 185-J, Brownsville.

4f. Heating, Plumbing

PLUMBING fixtures, general repairing. No down payment with C.I.T. financing. Mayorga Plumbing Co., phone 1644, Brownsville.

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1. AUTOMOBILES — 1a. Autos for Sale

LIFETIME USED CAR GUARANTEE

1939 Ford Tudor $545.00
1938 Chevrolet Coupe . $395.00
1938 Ford Coupe $395.00
1936 Ford Tudor $195.00

Boggus Motor Co.
Phone 312 Harlingen
"HOME OF LIFETIME GUARANTEED USED CARS"

Richey Says; we have a car made new and backed by BROWDER MOTOR COMPANY that will make your Christmas a pleasure indeed.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

1940 Chrysler Traveler Sedan

With Fluid Drive, not a demonstrator, not used one bit, not even licensed, yet we have it at a price you can pay.

1939 FORD DELUXE TUDOR, one that is so nice you will surely like it and it is priced below any to be found.
1939 DESOTO DELUXE SEDAN, one that will compare with a new one, yet only about half the new price.
1939 PLYMOUTH DELUXE COACH, a new one is no better, don't miss seeing this one.
1938 PLYMOUTH COACH, ready for trouble-free service, needs only a home, give away price.
1937 PLYMOUTH COUPE, real nice in every way, buy it for almost your own price.
1938 CHEVROLET COUPE, yes, it's made new and backed by Browder and priced cheap.
1937 FORD TUDOR, clean as they come and someone is going to get a good deal here.
1937 CHEVROLET MASTER TOWN SEDAN, new motor, new tires, new paint, everything perfect, see it.
1936 FORD FORDOR, look this one over and you will want it, priced right.
1939 PONTIAC "6" COACH, check it with a new car then get our price.
1937 OLDSMOBILE "6" COUPE, one of the nicest cars you can find and we've got to sell.
1938 OLDSMOBILE "6" TRUNK COACH, extra well kept, backed by Browder, this car must be sold.
1936 PLYMOUTH COACH, new motor, new paint and upholstery, ready for any kind of service, must sell.

We Have Two 1938 BUICK SEDANS, both nice and we are going to make someone a real deal on these cars.

The Browder Motor Co., has an overstock of the cleanest, nicest, new made cars to be found anywhere in the Valley. Backed by Browder and they have told me to SELL THEM, so we are SELLING THEM AT PRICES WE ARE ASHAMED TO ADVERTISE. But if you will come by our lot, we will tell you in confidence the deal.

RICHEY, Used Car Manager.

Browder Motor Company
OLDSMOBILE DEALER
Phone 608 Used Car Lot Phone 848 Harlingen

YOUR PACKARD DEALER
ARCHER DEYO MOTOR CO.
On the Highway Mercedes Phone 336

1. AUTOMOBILES — 1a. Autos for Sale

MEDLEY

1939 Ford Coupe, motor reconditioned $465.00
1938 Master Chevrolet Tudor, motor reconditioned, radio $465.00
1936 Chevrolet Master De Luxe Tudor $245.00
1935 Ford De Luxe Fordor, new paint $195.00
Two Ford Demonstrators—Big Discount
25 Other Cars To Choose From

All Cars Furnished With Duration Of Ownership Service Policy

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Ford—Mercury Sales & Service
Phone 15
WESLACO

BUICK'S BETTER BUYS

1940 BUICK 51 SUPER SEDAN, 19,000 actual miles, new white sidewall tires, radio, new car appearance and performance, sold with new car guarantee $1095

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Your Buick Dealer
Phone 1160

This Ad Is Worth $25.00
ON THE PURCHASE OF A USED CAR
From the
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1222 WASHINGTON ST.
BROWNSVILLE

4. BUSINESS SERVICES

4a. Beauty Shops

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Give yourself a chance to shine for the holidays with a cream permanent.
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Sunshine and Maye
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Harlingen

Vapo Gas Systems
For Home Comfort and Economy. We sell and install complete system including all appliances.
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San Benito

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Exclusive Sales Agent
UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITERS
SUNSTRAND ADDING MACHINES
Since 1927
Fred R. Scroggins
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Harlingen

4p. Woodworking

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If It's To Be Made Of Wood Corner Cabinets, Screens Sash and Doors, Shutters, Cabinetwork, Millwork, Ornamental Fences.

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4q. Photo Supplies, Equip.

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Blue Printing, Photo Prints, Engineering, Architect and Artist Supplies, Drafting.
107 S First St. Harlingen

4r. Upholstering

FURNITURE repaired, upholstered and refinished. Phone 464, 418 East Harrison. Belden Furniture. Harlingen.

YOUR old mattress made new. We make new mattresses, too. Liddell Furniture, Harlingen, San Benito, Brownsville.

FURNITURE repaired, refinished. Porch curtains, slip covers. Phone 422, 305 West Jefferson. Port City Tent Twning Co., Brownsville.

5. PERSONALS

REV. JOSEPH P. MORGAN, spiritual advisor on all business, life, health affairs daily. 825 St. Francis street, Brownsville.

3. EMPLOYMENT

6a. Help Wanted—Male

SALESMAN with genuine selling ability. Preferably married. 209 E. Monroe, Harlingen.

6b. Help Wanted—Female

WANTED: Young lady to assist in mailing department of Durham Business College for part tuition. Harlingen.

6c. Salesmen-Agents

TWO MEN with cars to sell old established line in Brownsville, Mercedes and Weslaco. Apply F. C. Johnson, San Benito.

TAILORING SALESMEN
Due to an expansion program we invite applications from reliable salesmen to represent the most beautifully styled, individually tailored spring and summer line in America. Over a hundred numbers in all-wool tweeds, gabardines and tropicals; sanforized wash fabrics; rivercool and a wide selection of sharkskin. Twelve price ranges from $7.95 to $23.50. Liberal deposits, bonus and free suit arrangement. We operate strictly on a satisfaction or money back basis. Write immediately. Fashion Center Clothes, Inc., Decherd, Tenn.

7. INSTRUCTIONS

7b. Schools, Colleges

XMAS BOOKS FREE
Text-books will be given FREE to all December enrollments.
Don't wait until January to enroll.
DRAUGHON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE
828½ Elizabeth Phone 744
Brownsville

9. FINANCIAL

9a. Real Estate Loans

Loans
F. H. A. and Commercial Loans
R. N. Jones
217 Embee Bldg. Phone 414
Harlingen

F. H. A. Farm Loans
Valley-Wide
To Build,
Refinance
And Repair.
GUNN INSURANCE AGENCY
1312 Beaumont Avenue
McAllen

9b. Auto Loans

AUTOMOBILE LOANS
Refinancing
General Insurance
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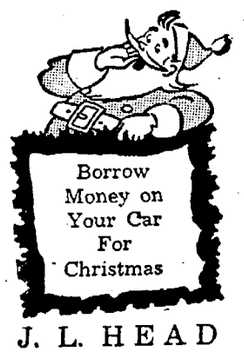
Bennett Tire & Supply
Weslaco

$5 to $300
ON YOUR AUTO
First and Second LEIN
1 to 18 Months to Pay
Refinancing—Longer Terms
Smaller Payments
Magnolia Finance Co.
122 W. Van Buren Phone 1068
Harlingen

9. FINANCIAL — 9b. Auto Loans



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AUTO LOANS
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Phone 1320 Harlingen
Over First National Bank

9c. Personal Loans

We Have
$10,000 AVAILABLE
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We specialize in quick loans to employed men and women, married or single.
We don't care whom you owe or what you want the money for, the loan can be arranged in just a few minutes. Call at our office or just phone 82.
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Harlingen
Rooms C and D Nelson Bldg.
Phone 1062
McAllen

10. FOR SALE

10a. Household Goods

FOR SALE: Studio couch in good condition. Phone 1288-J, 109 East Filmore, Harlingen.

LIVING room suite for sale; handmade, Spanish Renaissance; divan and two chairs. Telephone 1652, between 12 and 4, Brownsville.

10c. For Sale, Misc.

FOR SALE: Standard Farmall on rubber with busters. New style International 2 disc plow, International disc, 5 section spring-tooth, good float. John Gibson, 5 miles south La Feria.

RED POTATOES, 10 pounds for 25 cents, $1.75 sack. Sweet potatoes, 3 cents pound, $1.25 bushel. C. and M. Market, 2 blocks west of Four Corners, Harlingen.

BEAUTIFUL made to order 18-foot house trailer. Will trade for smaller custom built trailer or will sacrifice for $350.00. Phone Harlingen, 6001-F-2. A. G. Youngberg, 5 miles west, 1-4 mile south Harlingen.

FOUR barber chairs in A-1 condition, for sale. Dallas Iron and Metal Co., Dallas, Texas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Beautiful Cameo assortment
$1.00
See Our Line
BISHOP'S PRINT SHOP
1108 Elizabeth Brownsville

GOOD USED BIKES
You will find a large selection of fine bicycles at the GOODRICH SILVERTOWN STORE, 400 S. E. 12th St. in Brownsville. Boys' and Girls' models, and they are guaranteed. Easy terms.

XMAS SPECIALS
Xmas Decorations
Radios and
Electric Appliances
Easy Terms
MATZ ELECTRIC CO.
Phone 34 Harlingen

10e. Radio Repairs, Equip.

RADIO SERVICE: Free inspection, satisfaction guaranteed. Phil Amsler, 2123 17th street, Victoria Heights, phone 178, Brownsville.

10h. Machinery, Equipment

FOR SALE: Electric motor, ½ H.P., automatic water pump, in good condition. See same at Thompson's Garage, Combes. G. R. Huff.

We Have
New and Used
TRACTOR PARTS
For All Makes and Models
At Big Savings
LEHMAN'S
Across from Sears Phone 1160

10. FOR SALE — 10h. Machinery, Equipment

10-Inch
John Deere
Hammer Mill
Complete with Sacking Feed Collector, Swivel Pipe Support, Complete with Blower.
$112
Terms If Desired
Valley Implement Co.
JOHN DEERE DEALER
Phone 475 Harlingen

10i. Seeds, Plants, Flowers

PLANT our early bearing bred-up pecan and fruit trees now. Catalog free. Bass Pecan Company, Lumberton, Mississippi.

CERTIFIED
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F. G. Jackson
FEED STORE
119 No. Commerce Harlingen

TOMATO SEED
TRY
FERRY MORSE
SEED
Distributed By
FRANK GRIMSELL SEED CO.
Harlingen-San Benito

10l Nursery Stock

FOR SALE: 1200 red blush grapefruit trees, two years old, as they are at nursery. 25c per tree. W. G. Wilkerson, Route 1, Brownsville.

11. LIVESTOCK

11a. Dogs, Cats, Pets

WHY NOT give a Boston Bull Terrier for Christmas? 1617 Morton street, Victoria Heights, Brownsville.

WHY NOT buy a police puppy for Christmas? $5 and $10. Mrs. E. A. Dugat, Mission.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS
Six-weeks-old Scottie pups.
JORDAN'S BOARDING AND CONDITIONING KENNELS
First house west of Fair Grounds
Harlingen

11c. Poultry, Supplies

CHRISTMAS turkeys, corn, milk, mash fat. Order today. I. B. Corns, phone 6017-F-3, Harlingen.

FAT TURKEYS: Limited number. Order early. Phone 6016-F-21. B. A. Mapes, Harlingen.

TURKEYS for Christmas. Priced to sell. Jake Pletcher, Palm Gardens, Harlingen, phone 6013-F-11.

TURKEYS, ducks, corn and milk fed. Mrs. Burk, 6005-F-13. Mile west Harlingen Cotton Oil Mill.

12. WANTED TO BUY

12a. Miscellaneous

WE BUY CORN
TRY
GRIMSELL
POULTRY FEEDS
DAIRY RATION
Mfg By
FRANK GRIMSELL SEED CO.

12b. Let's Swap

WILL TRADE: Three 50 foot and one 75 foot choice lots with all utilities. Desirable for home, tourist or trailer courts. Trade for used car or good house trailer. W. C. Etchison, Box 512, Pharr, Texas.

13. LOST & FOUND

LOST: Llewellen Setter bitch. White and black with black markings on head and black ticked. Notify Elton Ewing, phone 214, Harlingen.

LOST in Harlingen, bridge containing 4 teeth, one gold crown. Reward. 702 E. Pierce, Harlingen.

LOST: Llewellen Setter bitch. White and black with black markings on head and black ticked. Notify Elton Ewing, phone 214, Harlingen.

14. RENTALS

14a. Apartments

FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED apartments, houses. Desirable bedrooms. Listings appreciated. Mrs. J. L. Swann, phone 1169-W Harlingen.

FOR RENTAL PROPERTY see Mrs. Ethel Parker, 109 W. Van Buren, phone 1128, Harlingen.

3 ROOM FURNISHED apartments. Electric Refrigeration, linens and utilities furnished. Rio Grande Courts, Harlingen.

APARTMENT for rent. Hot and cold water, innerspring mattress, bills paid. $4.50 weekly. 302 E. Harrison, Harlingen.

STAR Apartments and bedrooms. Innerspring mattress, hot water. $3 to $5 weekly. Bills paid. 318 E. Polk, Harlingen.

NICELY furnished apartments, moderately priced, close in. Utilities paid. Nel-Roy, phone 642, Glenwood, phone 1512, Brownsville.

14. RENTALS — 14a. Apartments

APARTMENT, unfurnished, five rooms, 900 Southeast Elizabeth, block from Postoffice, $18.00. Carlos G. Watson, Brownsville.

FIVE-ROOM furnished apartment, with garage. All conveniences. 32 Southeast Adams, phone 954, Brownsville.

ATTRACTIVELY furnished four-room duplex; also comfortable three-room furnished apartment. Phone 1615-J, Brownsville.

THREE-ROOM furnished apartment, close in. Utilities paid. Reasonable. 442 Southeast Levee, phone 578, Brownsville.

PERMANENT tenant desired: Modern furnished apartment, three-way ventilation. Utilities paid. Sleeping porch. Phone 964, Brownsville.

14c. Houses

UNFURNISHED 5-room house, near San Benito city limits on Harlingen highway, $16.00. Phone 114, or inquire 844 North Sam Houston, San Benito.

FOR RENT or lease: Modern five-room, nicely furnished cottage, close in. 109 East Filmore, Harlingen.

FOR RENT: Two-room unfurnished house with shower in rear. Utilities paid. 213 E. Monroe, Harlingen.

FOR RENT: Two-room house, furnished, cheap. Earl White's Garage, 2½ miles west of La Feria on highway.

5-ROOM house with service porch, 209 N. 9th. $25 per month. 5-room house with screen porch, 412 N. 6th street, $25 per month. Beautiful 5-room brick house with double garage, 706 N. Broadway, $35 per month. Call Edw. W. Schuman, phone 178-J, located at 6th and Date Palm ave., McAllen.

FIVE-ROOM house and screen porch, 1053 Palm Blvd., $35.00. Call 29 E. St. Charles, Brownsville.

HOUSE, furnished, six rooms, $50.00. 110 Avenue A, Riverside, Carlos G. Watson, Brownsville.

SEVEN-ROOM cottage, modern; electric stove, hot water heater, refrigerator. Fruit for family use. Garage. Permanent. Three miles out 14th street. A. C. Capron, El Jardin Hotel, Brownsville.

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

5-ROOM house in Raymondville, nicely located. Trade for 5-room house in Harlingen. Prefer clear of encumbrance. E. J. Krogman, Harding building, Raymondville, Phone 106-W.

1110 E. MADISON, six-room modern home. Attractive. Large yard, beautiful shrubbery, easy terms. Phone 1121 or 1097-W, Harlingen.

BRICK HOME FOR SALE
Just completed, small brick home on 5 acres of desirable land. Water, gas and electricity. Well located. Price, $2,200.
Also 800 acres ranch land, priced to sell.
LLOYD PARKER
Olmito, Texas

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Efficient Property Management, Groves, Farms, City Property, Loans, Insurance, Rentals.
6½ S. Main St., 2nd Floor
PHONE 860 McALLEN

For Sale
F. H. A. Houses
Brick Veneer & Frame
Finwood Heights Addition
Apply
SPENCER-SAUER LUMBER COMPANY
418 W. Jackson Phone 71
Harlingen

MAY WE MAKE A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION?
We know your family would appreciate a home more than anything you could give them.
One of our especially good buys is a nice five room home with screened porch, located on the pavement, close in—on a corner, near high school and good grade school.
This home can be bought with a small down payment and monthly payments like rent.
Call for an appointment TODAY!
Todd & Stobaugh
HOLC Management Brokers
434 Eleventh Street — Phone 183
Brownsville

Money Talks
And How!
When it comes to purchasing a nice home or a beautiful homesite as a Christmas gift.
See us now and learn how we can help you do this.
S. C. GRAHAM & CO.
REALTORS
Phone 179 Marine Arcade Bldg. Brownsville

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

"What Shall I Buy For Christmas"

20 ACRES with modern 5-room home, 3 acres trees, short distance from paved road, 4 miles from Harlingen. *$2750.00, some cash and terms.*

6-ROOM MODERN HOME, Van Buren street, 3 blocks post office. See *this Monday. Its cheap.*

6-ROOM MODERN BRICK HOME. Tyler street, east side. $3000.00. $300.00 cash, balance less than rent you now pay.

5-ROOM MODERN BRICK, double garage, best of location, West Buchanan. $3250.00, some cash and terms. Buy this and move in Christmas Day.

CORNER LOT, few blocks post office, has modern 5-room home and 4-room modern home. Income, $40.00 per month. Price will surprise you. Call us Monday.

6-ROOM MODERN HOME with 10-acre grove 12-years-old, on pavement near Combes. A Veritable show place. *$5,000.00*, one-third cash, balance your terms.

WILL TRADE close in business corner (one block post office) well-improved, for something out of state. Owner requires higher altitude. Price for quick action, $10,000.00.

FOR RENT: Nice modern 6-room home in Stuart Place. Has 2-room home in rear, double garage, small barn, nice place for chickens, as this place on 20-acre grove, *owner in the north and wants house occupied.* Located on Dillworth road, just below Banker Hall.

HERREN REALTY COMPANY

Phone 38 Harlingen, Texas

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

1202 E. Tyler Sold, American!

The sale of 1202 E. Tyler made us think again that *purchasers of such* property should indeed be grateful for the privilege of buying a home. . . . in the American way!

For it is just now that folks all over town, and all over the land are feeling most the spirit of Christmas. We're all getting ready to celebrate Christmas in the good old-fashioned American way. And home owners everywhere in this great land of ours are thankful for the feeling of security that they enjoy.

Somehow, "going home for Christmas" is one of the things we love to do best. This year, when so many, many are not granted that privilege in other lands, how truly thankful we Americans should be for HOMES and for the fellowship we enjoy in them.

If we've been instrumental in bringing a little more happiness to some because they now own their own homes as a result of our efforts, then we, too, are deeply grateful. And we rejoice with all other Americans because this is another Christmas we'll be privileged to enjoy in our own homes . . . in the American way.

Willingham Realty

Harlingen

16c. Farms. Ranches

ABBOTT'S BARGAINS

16 Acre all Pink Marsh grove, $3950.

14 Acre Grove one third Oranges at $150 acre.

16 Acre Grove, improved. Two-thirds Oranges and Pinks. Price $3500.

40 Acre PERFECT GROVE all Marsh Pinks, $625 per acre.

Four Unit new Stucco Tile roof full tenants at your price.

10 Acres and nice home between McAllen and Mission. Wants more and cheaper land.

Grocery Store: a good one; you need $2500 all cash.

Good going paying business here in McAllen. You need $4500 cash. Information must be confidential.

Many Snaps. SEE ME FIRST.

JUNE A. ABBOTT,

"It's always June in McAllen"

"THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY; Love It or Leave It"

No. 14 So. 15th street McAllen

16g. Wanted to Buy

TWO business buildings, one five-room modern house, located on main highway with 3½ acres land, near Weslaco, on corner south side highway. Terms. Box 282, Rt. 1, Weslaco, Texas.

16h. Business Property

THOMAS

Mercedes Hotel

Mercedes, Texas

Offers

43 acres with well improved home near Groveton, Trinity county, East Texas, trade.

Fully equipped picture show in small East Texas town to trade.

Small cafe on main highway in good Valley town. Cheap.

Tourist camps, fine orchards, nice city homes. See me for anything in real estate.

One of best oil and gas stations. Cheap.

17. NOTICES

17d. Professional Notices

DR. E. C. HERRON

D.C., Ph.D.

—Chiropractor—

902 Beech Ave.

1 Blk. North of R. R.

4 Blks. E. of Main—McAllen

17e. Travel Opportunities

DRIVING to Dallas Sunday, December 22. Can take 3 passengers. Call 436, Harlingen.

WANT share expense ride Oklahoma City and return after Sunday, 22nd. Mrs. D. C. Peifer, Gen. Del., San Benito, Texas.

GOING to Mexico City shortly after Xmas. Can take two share expense passengers. Box 1523, McAllen.

LEAVING for Dallas Monday 23rd. 1940 Ford. Take two share expense passengers. 513 E. Peter street, Edinburg Apartments.

17 NOTICES

17e. Travel Opportunities

McALLEN REYNOSA BUS LINE

McALLEN to REYNOSA

8:30 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
12:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
	8:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:00 P.M.

REYNOSA to McALLEN

7:50 A.M.	1:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
11:00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
	7:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:30 P.M.

17f. Cafe and Hotels

$3.00 PER WEEK

OPEN

GUEST LAUNDRY FREE

MILNER HOTEL

13th & Levee Phone 481

Brownsville

19. LEGAL NOTICES

Collection District No. 23, Office of the Collector of Customs, Laredo, Texas, December 15, 1940: Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 607 T. A. 1930, Notice is hereby given that there were seized in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas, on November 11, 1940, one 1930 model Plymouth Pick-up Truck, Motor No. PT10512612, Lic. No. 28-633, with 6 parrots and 31 parrakeets, for violation of the Customs laws and Sec. 3062 Revised Statutes. Any person desiring to claim the above described vehicle or birds must appear and file with the undersigned a claim to such property and a bond in the sum of $250 within 20 days from the *date of first publication of this notice*, in default of which the property will be declared forfeited and disposed of in accordance with the law. The parrots and parrakeets have been delivered to the U. S. Public Health Service for disposition. Harry P. Hornby, Collector of Customs.

12:15—22—29—3t—18

Court Records

CAMERON COUNTY

Deed Records

Fred B. Cable, Rec'r. of Mchts', Nat'l. Bk., Bville., Tex. to Sterchi Furniture Co., Inc., Lot 8, Blk. 120, city of Brownsville. Deed.

Eva R. Carnes and A. J. Wittenbach, Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 75, townsite of Harlingen, Extn. Agmt. V. L.

Ruth W. Townsend, Joan D. Townsend to James Bayles, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Blk. 12, East Avondale Add., city of Harlingen. Q. C. D.

J. B. Still, et al, Tr. of First Baptist Church of Primera to John F. Grant Lumber Co., part of Blk. 64, Wilson Tract. *Sub. Tr's. Deed.*

Harold Hendricks to Ernest F. West and Elva West, E55' of Lot 19, and the W5' of Lot 18, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add., city of Hgn. W. D. V. L.

Harlingen Add. Co. to W. F. West, E55' of Lot 19, and W5' of Lot 18, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. Rel. Restrictions.

Harlingen Add. Co. to L. J. Schrenker, Lot 5, Blk. 38, Finwood Hghts. Add., city of Hgn. Rel. Restrictions.

Realty Trust Co. to R. T. McMinn, Lot 3, Blk. 6, Los Ebanos Add., city of Brownsville. Rel. Judg. Lien.

Deed of Trust Records

The Richard Gill Co. to Rutland Savings Bank, Rutland, Vermont, Lot 4, Blk. 12, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. Tfr. D. T.

The Richard Gill Co. to Rutland Savings Bank, Rutland, Vermont, Lot 8, Blk. 3, Miller Add. to the city of Harlingen. Tfr. D. T.

The Richard Gill Co. to Rutland Savings Bank, *Lot 3, and W10' of Lot 6,* Blk. 12, Finwood Hghts. Add., Hgn. Tfr. D. T.

The Richard Gill Co. to *Rutland Savings* Bank, Lot 3, Blk. 25, city of Port Isabel. Tfr. D. T.

The First Nat'l. Bk., Hgn., to Harold Hendricks, E55' of Lot 10, West 5' of Lot 18, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add., city of Hgn. Rel. D. T.

Ernest F. West, et ux (Elva) to Ames L. Gill, Tr. for The Richard Gill Co., *East 55' of Lot 19 and West 5' of Lot 18,* Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. D. T.

L. J. Schrenker, et ux (Violet) to Ames L. Gill, Tr. for The Richard Gill Co., Lot 5, Blk. 38, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. D. T.

Mechanics Lien Records

Spencer-Sauer Lumber Co., a corp'n to Harris County, Tex., to The Richard Gill Co., E35' of Lot 17 and W25' of Lot 16, Blk. 4, Finwood Hghts. Add. to the city of Hgn. Assn. M. L.

L. T. Adamson, Mrs. Hazel Adamson and Frontier Lumber Co., Lot 8, Blk. 81A of Stillman Exten. to the city of Brownsville, M. L. Lien Contract.

Assumed Names Registered

Frank's Place—Blk., 1 Orange Road 2 miles east of La Feria, Texas. Frank G. Staneart Gen. Del., La Feria, Texas.

103rd Civil District Court

Judge James S. Graham

Filed

Robert N. Humphreys vs W. C. Anderson and others, *trespass and try title.*

Orders: Friday, Dec. 20.

Guadalupe Martinez vs Lois Cox, *evidence submitted on removal of disabilities* and case held open pending further evidence.

Alberto Shears and others vs Maria Shears and others, cause dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

R.F.C. vs C. G. Casey and others, judgment for plaintiff for debt and foreclosure of lien.

Ernesto Guerro vs Felicina Guerro, divorce granted.

L. C. Feener vs City of Harlingen, Albert Wolf dismissed by agreement of parties.

Marriage Licenses

Jess Williams Riley, Harlingen, and Geneva Davis, Rio Hondo.

CLERK RECEIVES GIFT

EDINBURG—Oscar D. Kirkland, Hidalgo county clerk, was presented with a handsome leather coat Saturday morning when employes of his office held their annual Christmas party. A number of gifts were exchanged.

COTTONSEED OIL

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Cottonseed oil closed steady. Bleachable prime summer yellow 5.70 nom; prime crude 4.62½B. Dec. 5.38B, Jan. 5.39B, March 5.43B, May 5.52B, July 5.59B.

DAY'S NEWS OF NATION'S MARKETS

CITRUS MARKET

VALLEY CARLOT SHIPMENTS BY RAIL FOR FRIDAY

Grapefruit 23, Mixed Citrus 1, Beets and Carrots 1, Cabbage 2, Mixed Vegetables 2, total 29 cars.

Totals by Rail and Boat to Date This Season: Grapefruit 5407, Oranges 373, Mixed Citrus 318, Tangerines 4, Lemons 3, Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 11, Beans 1, Beets 95, Beets and Carrots 24, Cabbage 38, Carrots 40, Dandelion 2, Eggplant 2, Endive 4, Greens 3, Parsley 20, Peas 26, Peppers 90, Poatoes 2, Radishes 29, Squash 2, Spinach 18, Tomatoes 244, Mixed Vegetables 806, total 5571.

To the Same Date Last Season: Citrus Fruits 5248, Vegetables 1880, Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 42, total 7170 cars.

VALLEY ADDITIONAL TRUCK MOVEMENT OF CITRUS REPORTED FOR THE RIVERA ROAD STATION

Carlot Equiv Dec. 17: Grapefruit 1.1, Oranges .8, total 1.9 cars. (8 trucks)

Carlot Equiv Dec. 18: Grapefruit .4, Oranges .9, total 1.3 cars. (5 trucks)

Carlot Equiv Dec. 19: Grapefruit 3.5, Oranges 3.2, Tangerines .1, total 6.8 cars (17 trucks).

VALLEY TRUCK CITRUS MOVEMENT FOR FRIDAY

(171 Trucks)

Grapefruit: 80 lb Boxes 9070, ½ Boxes 58, ¼ Boxes 69, Bushels 594, ½ Bushels 350, 80 lb Sacks 7961, 50 lb Sacks 54, 40 lb Sacks 208, 10 lb Sacks 2060.

Oranges: 80 lb Boxes 13799, 50 lb Boxes 20, ½ Boxes 602, ¼ Boxes 65, Bushels 2259, ½ Bu 348, 80 lb Sacks 69, 50 lb Sacks 3155, 40 lb Sacks 2067, 20 lb Sacks 20, 10 lb Sacks 1360.

Tangerines: ½ Boxes 62, Bushels 841, ½ Bushels 1452, 50 lb Sacks 1, 40 lb Sacks 20, 20 lb Sacks 20, 10 lb Sacks 30.

Carlot Equiv Dec. 20: Grapefruit 44.9, Oranges 47.3, Tangerines 2.6, total 94.8 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 5482.7, Oranges 2068.2, Tangerines 85.4, total 5616.3.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 2334.2, Oranges 1782.2, Tangerines 69.2, total 4185.6.

NOTE: The completed reports have now been received from the new highway and have been added into the totals to date. The report shown above for Dec. 20 includes the reports from both the Faltirias highway and Rivera highway road stations. Hereafter these reports will be available daily and the movement shown will include reports from both stations.

FLORIDA TRUCK CITRUS MOVEMENT REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Carlot Equiv Dec. 20: Grapefruit 18, Oranges 179, Tangerines 24, total 221 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 1150, Oranges 4923, Tangerines 544, total 6617 cars.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 1214, Oranges 5335, Tangerines 769, total 7318 cars.

AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES OF GRAPEFRUIT SOLD AND UNREPORTED FRIDAY

BOSTON: Fla White 888 Boxes Gen Avg 1.85, High 2.06, Low 1.73.

NEW YORK: Texas Pinks 920 Boxes Gen Avg 2.07, High 2.19, Low 1.89.

Fla Marsh 7315 Boxes Gen Avg 2.04, High 2.26, Low 1.84.

Fla Marsh 475 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.54, High 1.56, Low 1.47.

Fla Other 2060 Boxes Gen Avg 1.86, High 2.24, Low 1.58.

Fla Other 835 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.33, High 1.37, Low 1.26.

Fla Foster Pink 211 Boxes Gen Avg 2.11, High 2.25, Low 1.96.

CLEVELAND: Texas Marsh 960 Boxes Gen Avg 2.03, High 2.14, Low 1.93.

Texas Marsh Pink 649 Boxes Gen Avg 2.17, High 2.31, Low 2.07.

Texas Foster Pink 406 Boxes Gen Avg 2.10, Range 1.75 to 3.00.

PHILADELPHIA: Texas Marsh Pink 425 Boxes Gen Avg 2.12, High 2.30, Low 2.00.

Fla Marsh 1146 Boxes Gen Avg 1.76, High 2.08, Low 1.55.

Fla Other 103 wire Boxes All sold at 1.40.

Fla Other 819 Boxes Gen Avg 2.13, High 2.44, Low 1.72.

Fla Marsh Pink 92 Boxes Gen Avg 1.97, High 2.21, Low 1.73.

Fla Foster Pink 705 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.26, High 1.40, Low 1.25.

VEGETABLES

CARLOT SHIPMENTS FROM OTHER TEXAS DISTRICTS FOR FRIDAY

Laredo Dist: Spinach 1, total 1 car.

Coastal Bend: Mixed Vegetable 1, total 1 car.

Winter Garden: Spinach 4, total 4 cars.

Eagle Pass: Spinach 7, total 7 cars.

F. O. B. SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Crystal City, Eagle Pass and Nearby South Texas Points:

Spinach: Haulings light. Demand fair, market about steady. Carloads f.o.b. cash track: bushel baskets, Savoy type, mostly 40c.

Belle Glade, Florida—Lake Okeechobee Section:

Green Peas: Haulings very light. Demand light, market about steady. Carloads f.o.b. cash track and truckloads cash at packing house: bushel hampers, $1.90-2.00, fair quality $1.65-1.75.

Pompano Section, Florida:

Peppers: Haulings very light. Demand light, market weaker. Truckloads cash to growers: 1½ bushel crates, Wonders, fancy $2.75, few $3.00; World Beaters and similar varieties, fancy, $2.25-2.75 mostly $2.50.

BOSTON WOOL

BOSTON—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Scattered sales in the Boston market this week comprised limited quantities of domestic wools and moderate quantities of Merino type foreign wools. Demand for fine and half blood foreign wools was somewhat broader than in the previous week and prices were firm. Quotations on domestic fine and half blood wools also were firm because of limited supplies and some demand at current quotations. Quotations were very steady on domestic wools coarser than half blood. Graded combing bright fleece wools were quoted on a grease basis at 45-46 cents for fine Delaine 44-45 cents for half blood and 44-46 cents for three eighths and quarter blood.

BUTTER AND EGGS

CHICAGO—(AP)—Butter, receipts 803,985; weak; creamery, 93 score 34-34½; 92, 33½; 91, 33¼; 90, 33; 90 centralized carlots 33.

Eggs, receipts 8,149; weak; current receipts 21½; dirties 18½; fresh checks 17½; refrigerator checks 15½; refrigerator extras 20¼; refrigerato standards 20; government graded eggs unchanged.

Poultry live—no cars in; none due; 35 trucks; turkeys firm, balance steady; turkeys hens 19; all other prices unchanged.

CASH GRAIN

CHICAGO—(AP)—Cash wheat no sales reported.

Corn No. 2 yellow 61-61¾; No. 3, 57½-59.

Oats No. 1 white heavy 41½; No. 2, 41½; No. 3, 37¾; No. 1 heavy 38½; No. 1 red heavy 38½; sample mixed 29¾.

TEXAS GRAIN

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Moderate demand for grain continued at Fort Worth to the week-end.

Wheat—No. 1 soft red winter 94¼-95¼.

Barley—No. 2 nom 59-60.

Sorghums—No. 2 yellow milo per 100 lbs nom 1.08-1.10; No. 2 white kaffir nom. 1.08-1.10.

Corn, shelled—No. 2 white 72½-73½.

Oats—No. 2 red 44½-45½.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Wheat, 48 cars, ¾ lower to ¼ higher; No. 2 dark hard, 83-83¼; No. 2 hard 83¼; No. 2 red, N81-83.

Close: Dec. 79¾; May 78; July 73-72¾.

Corn 26 cars, unchanged to ½ higher. No. 2 white N 50½-61; No. 2 yellow N 58½-60; No. 2 mixed 59¼.

Close: Dec. 58; May 57¼; July 57½.

Oats 1 car; unchanged to ½ lower. No. 2 white N 36-37.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Cotton futures advanced here Saturday on trade buying and week-end short covering. Closing prices were steady 2 to 4 points net higher.

	High	Low	Close
January	....	....	10.06B
March	10.20	10.19	10.20
May	10.15	10.13	10.12N
July	9.92	9.91	9.91
October	9.37	9.36	9.36
December	....	....	9.30B
October	9.37	9.36	9.36

SPOT COTTON

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Spot cotton closed steady, 4 points higher. Sales 1,899, low middling 8.90, middling 9.90, good middling 10.40. Receipts 4,290; stock 838,994.

By FREDERICK GARDNER

NEW YORK—(AP)—Buying support came in for scattered favorites in Saturday's stock market but the list, on the whole, finished a generally unsatisfactory week with inconclusive trends.

Shipbuildings stepped out in front at the last of the brief session, and steels and specialties tacked on fractions to a point or so, but ragged tendencies were displayed in virtually all departments.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was unchanged at 43.

Year-end tax selling in several low-priced stocks again accounted for a sizable *portion of the volume which amounted* to 420,992 shares compared with 380,360 last Saturday.

Buying timidity was attributed partly to persistent worries over next year's tax bill and lack of anything particularly stimulating in the war news budget.

Steels held their own—U. S. Steel, Bethlehem and Youngstown were up ⅛ each.

Among the better performers were General Motors, Crucible Steel, Sears Roebuck, Glenn Martin, American Telephone, Anaconda, Kennecott, U. S. Gypsum, Standard Oil of N. J., Texas Corp., Santa Fe, N. Y. Central and Great Northern.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK—(AP)—

Stocks irregular; leaders narrow.

Bonds mixed; governments lower.

Foreign exchange quiet; Hongkong dollar advances.

Cotton higher; trade and mill support.

Sugar firm; trade covering.

Metals stead; quiet week-end dealings.

Wool tops improved; Boston trade buying.

CHICAGO:

Wheat unsettled; December contracts trading concluded.

Corn weak; lagging demand.

Cattle steady.

Hogs undertone firm; top quoted $6.35.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Hogs, salable and total none; not even offered to test values; market nominally steady; for week: 170 lbs up 5-10 cents higher; underweights steady; sows weak to 10 lower; late top 6.05.

Cattle, calves salable 100, total 150; calves salable 25, tota 50; for week: good and choice saughter steers and yearlings strong to 25 higher; lower grades 25 to 50 up; heifers steady to 25 higher; cows 35 to 50 higher; cows back to high time; calves and vealers and stockers and feeders steady; week's top 14.10 for choice to prime 1030 lb Angus yearlings, next best price 13.50; best 1418 lb steers 12.75; choice 827 to 875 lb Colorado fed heifers 11.75 to 12.00; practical top vealers 10.50; choice stockers and feeders 10.00-10.50; bulk replacement cattle 7.25-9.50; choice stock steer calves 11.25-50.

Sheep, salable and total 125; for week: lambs strong to 15 higher; sheep fully steady; week's top fed lambs 9.00 paid rather freely at the close; during the week many wheat pasture lambs 8.75-85; most late sales trucked-in natives downward from 8.85; fed yearlings 7.35-75; fed yearlings 7.35-75; top ewes 4.25; others 3.25-4.15.

OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Cattle salable and total 150, calves 50; for week: beef steers and yearlings uneven, mostly 25 to 50 cents lower; best cows and heifers around 25 lower; canners and cutters steady to strong; bulls bid 25 higher; vealers firm; slaughter calves 25 to 50 lower; stockers steady to weak; week's prices: practical top fed steers and yearlings 10.00; bulk medium and good short feds 8.25-9.50; plain quality steers 6.50-7.75; few heifers 8.50-9.00; cows upwards to 7.00; canners and cutters 3.50-5.00; bulls 5.50-6.50; vealer top 10.00; stockers 5.00-9.00.

Hogs salable 300; total 575; steady clean-up trade for packers; top 6.00; most sales sodo and choice 190-300 lbs 5.90-6.00; lighter weights on down to 5.00 and 5.25; odd sows 5.25; for the week: Butcher hogs steady to 10 lower; packing sows weak to 25 lower. *Late top 6.10 to shippers,* and city butchers; packer peak 6.00.

Sheep salable and total 25; for the week: *fat lambs little changed;* carlot top 8.40; truck in natives 8.25 and down; few yearlings 6.50-7.00; feeder lambs 6.75 and 7.00; fat ewes 3.00-50.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Salable hogs 300; total 6,800; practically no strictly good and choice hogs in fresh supply; *undertone firm;* quotable top around 6.35 or better; shippers took none; estimated holdover 500; compared week ago: good and choice barrows and gilts generally steady; packing sows around 10 lower.

Salable cattle 100; calves none; compared Friday last week: fed steers and yearlings strong to 25 higher, all grades yearlings and medium to good grade steers showing most advance, in instances as much as 50 higher; trade closed fairly active after repeated killer efforts early in week to break prices; prime steers reached 15.40, new high on crop; little above 14.00, however, although a few loads brought 14.50-15.15; best yearlings 14.50; bulk 10.00-13.50; all steers selling at 11.50; downward closed active, particularly so on 8.00-11.00 kinds; glutted supply medium to good heifers 50 lower, choice *offerings* steady to 25 lower, common kinds steady at 7.00-8.00; choice to prime heifers topped at 13.00, but week's excessive supply shortfeds sold at 8.50-10.25; beef cows 15-25 higher; cutters higher early but lost big share advance; bulls 10-15 up, and vealers 25-50 higher.

Salable sheep 1,000; total 1,300; late Friday: fat lambs active, steady to strong, spots shade higher; top 9.35 to shippers on about 3 decks good to choice fed westerns; 78-106 lb weights 9.10-9.25; feeding lambs 8.85-9.00; compared Friday last week: fat lambs regained most early loss and closed about steady; other classes steady; week's top 9.35 to shippers and city butchers, bulk good to choice fed westerns and natives 100 lbs down 9.10-9.25, wheat field lambs late 9.15-9.25; five cars 103-109 lbs fed westerns 8.75-9.10, medium to good handweight lambs 8.65-9.00, good summer shorn 8.40, closely shorn 7.75; good to choice wooled yearlings 8.00-8.50; slaughter ewes all grades 2.50-4.50; range and light comback feeder lambs mostly 8.85-9.25.

TEXAS LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle salable and total 1,600; calves salable and total 150; market: Saturday's trade nominal. Compared close last week: mature beef steers and most cows around 25c higher; *slaughter yearlings* uneven with some medium kind lower and others stronger; bulls and calves firm; stockers steady to 25c higher; top mature beef steers 11.00; yearlings 10.50; heifers 10.25; cows 6.75; bulls 6.00; practical top killing calves 9.00; stock steer calves up to 10.75; stock heifer calves 9.50; yearling stock steers 9.00; stock cows 6.75.

Hogs salable 300; total 550; week to 10c lower than Friday's average; top 6.05; city butchers not operating; good and choice 185-300 lbs 6.00-6.05; good 150 lbs down to 5.25; packing sows steady 5.00-5.25; compared with week ago, good butchers 35c lower.

Sheep salable and total 100; Saturday's trade nominal; compared with last week's close: Fat lambs steady to 25c higher; other classes steady; choice fat lambs topped at 8.75; medium to good wooled lambs 8.00-8.50; wooled yearlings 7.50-7.75; wooled 2-year old wethers 6.75; wooled aged wethers 5.00 down; wooled ewes 3.75;; feeder lambs 6.50-7.50.

MIDDLING COTTON

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—The average price of middling 15-16ths inch cotton Saturday at ten designated southern spot markets was 3 points higher at 9.82 cents a pound; average for the past thirty market days 9.80 cents; middling 7-8ths-inch average 9.61 cents a pound.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 3 to 4 points higher.

	High	Low	Last
January	10.02	10.02	10.02N
March	10.17	10.14	10.15-16
May	10.11	10.07	10.08,
July	9.88	9.86	9.86N
October	9.35	9.33	9.34
December	....	....	9.31N

Middling spot 10.36N.

N—Nominal.

KANSAS CITY EGGS

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Eggs, firsts 21, current receipts 20; butterfat 29-31; creamery 33½; poultry unchanged.

FLAX

MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—Flax: No. 1, 1.61-1.65.

STOCK LIST

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

(By The Associated Press)

Al Ch & Dye	162½	162	162
Am Can	86¾	86c	86¾
Am M & Fdy	12⅞	12	12⅛
Am Roll Mill	15	14⅞	15
Am Smelt & R	42⅛	42	42
Am T T	166	165½	166
Am Woolen	8¼	8⅛	8¼
Anaconda	26⅜	26⅛	26½
A T & F	16½	16⅜	16½
Aviation Cor p	4⅜	4⅛	4⅛
Barnsdall Oil	8¼	8	8¼
Bendix Av	33⅜	33⅛	33⅛
Beth Stl	85⅛	84⅝	85⅛
Borden Co	18	18¼	18
Budd Wheel	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
Callahan Zinc-L	1¼	1¼	1¼
Case J I	53⅜	53⅛	53⅛
Chrysler	75⅜	74⅞	74⅞
Col G & El	4⅛	4⅜	4⅛
Consol Oil	5¾	5⅝	5¾
Cont Can	37	36½	37
Cont Oil Del	18⅞	18⅝	18⅝
Corn Prods	43⅜	43	43⅜
Curtiss Wri	8⅞	8¾	8⅞
Douglas Alrc	76	76	76
El Pow & Lt	3⅞	3¾	3⅞
Freeport Sul	38½	38⅛	38½
Gen Elec	32½	32⅛	32⅛
Gen Motors	49⅜	49⅛	49⅜
Goodrich	13¾	13⅝	13¾
Goodyear T R	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜
Gt Nor Ir Ore Ct	15⅛	15	15
Greyhound Corp	10⅞	10⅝	10⅝
Hudson Motor	4	3⅞	3⅞
Hupp Motor	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
Int Harvester	51	50¾	50⅞
Int Hydro El A	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞
Johns Manville	58	58⅛	58⅛
Kennecott Cop	35½	35	35⅛
Lorillard P	18⅛	17¾	18
Marshall Field	14⅞	14¾	14¾
Mid Cont Pet	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
Mo Kan Tex	5⅜	5⅜	5⅜
Mont Ward	36⅝	36	36
Nash Kelv	4¾	4⅝	4¾
Nat Bis	16⅞	16⅝	16⅞
Nat Dairy	13⅜	13¼	13⅜
Nat Pow & Lt	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
North Amer Co	16⅜	16⅛	16⅜
Ohio Oil	6⅞	6⅝	6¾
Pac Gas & El	28	28	28
Packard Motor	3⅛	3	3⅛
Pan Am Airways	13⅝	14⅜	13⅝
Panhandle P R	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
Penney J C	82⅜	83⅜	82⅜
Penn RR	22	21⅞	21⅞
Petrol Corp	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Phelps Dodge	33½	32⅞	33⅛
Phillips Pet	39⅞	39⅛	39⅞
Plym Oil	16¾	16¾	16¾
Pure Oil	7¾	7¾	7¾
Radio Corp of Am	4⅜	4⅛	4⅜
Sears R	77⅜	76⅞	77⅜
Shell Union Oil	10⅞	10⅝	10⅞
Simmons Co	19⅜	19⅜	19⅞
Soc Vacuum	8¼	8⅛	8¼
Southern Pac	7⅜	7⅛	7⅜
Std Brands	6⅜	6⅛	6⅛
Std Oil Cal	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
Std Oil Ind	25⅞	25⅝	25⅞
Std Oil NJ	33¾	33⅜	33⅝
Stew-Warn	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
Stone & Web	7⅜	7⅜	7⅜
Studebaker Corp	8	8	8
Tex Pac Ry	6¾	6¾	6¾
Tex Corp	33¾	33½	33½
Tex Gulf Sulph	36¾	36⅝	36⅝
Tex Pac C & O	5¾	5⅝	5¾
Tide Wat A Oil	9¾	9⅝	9⅝
Trans & West Air	13¾	13¾	13¾
Union Carb	68	67⅞	68
Union Oil Cal	13⅞	12⅝	12⅞
United Aire	42⅛	42	42⅛
United Carbon	47	47	47
United Corp	1¼	1¼	1¼
United Gas Imp	9⅜	9⅛	9⅜
U S Rubber	22¼	21⅞	22
U S Steel	68⅜	67⅞	68⅜
Walgreen Co	210	210	210
Warner Bros Pic	3¼	3⅛	3¼
West Union	20⅛	20	20
West El & Mf	102¼	101½	101½
White Motor	16	15¾	16
Wilson & Co	4½	4⅜	4⅜
Woolworth	30⅞	30½	30½

STOCKS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sales, closing price and net change of the fifteen most active stocks Saturday:

Comwlth & Sou	16,100	¾	No
Cons Oil	8,600	5¾	+ ⅛
Am Rad Std San	8,600	6⅝	+ ⅛
Radio Keith	8,300	3⅜	— ⅛
United Corp	8,200	1⅜	No
Gen Elec	8,200	32⅛	— ⅛
Socony Vac	6,700	8¼	No
Int Tr & Tel	6,000	2¾	No
Ohio Oil	5,600	6¾	— ⅛
Seaboard Air L	5,600	⅞	No
US Steel	5,600	68⅝	+ ⅛
Gen Mot	5,300	49⅜	+ ⅛
Cons Laund	5,000	21½	+ ⅛
North Am Co	4,600	16⅜	+ ⅛
Std Oil NJ	4,400	33½	+ ⅛

NEW YORK CURB

Am Cyan B	35⅞	35½	35½
Am Gas & El	28⅞	28⅝	28⅞
Ark Nat Gas A	1¾	1¾	1¾
Bath Iron Wks	24⅝	23⅜	24⅛
Bell Aire	22⅛	21½	21⅞
Bellanca Aire	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
Brewst Aero	10⅝	10⅜	10⅜
Bridgpt Mach	1½	1½	1½
Cities Service	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Crocker-Wh El M	6¼	5¾	6¼
Eagle Pitch	10½	10⅛	10½
El Bond & Sh	33⅛	32¾	33¼
Gulf Oil	32	31⅞	32
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Hongkong dollar rose nearly 1-20 cent to 23.82 United States cents in the free foreign exchange market Saturday.

Other major rates, including sterling at $4.04 and the Canadian dollar at 86¾ cents, were unchanged.

Closing rates follow (Great Britain in dollars ,others in cents).

Canada

Official Canadian Control Board rates for U. S. dollars: buying 10 per cent premium, selling 11 per cent premium, equivalent to discounts on Canadian dollars in New York of buying 9.91 per cent, selling 9.09 per cent. Canadian dollar in New York open market 13¼ per cent discount or 86.75

Screen Calendar NEWS OF LATEST MOTION PICTURES Current Films

Madeleine Carroll and Gary Cooper co-starred in Cecil B. DeMille's technicolor screen production, "Northwest Mounted Police," booked for extended four day engagements starting next Saturday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville, the Palace Theatre in McAllen and the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

Ginny Simms, Kay Kyser and Helen Parrish in "You'll Find Out," booked for showing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at both the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and the Palace Theatre in McAllen; starting Saturday for a two day engagement at the State Theatre in Mercedes and for a special midnight preview at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, next Saturday.

Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr with Felix Bressart in the screen's new romantic comedy, "Comrade X," booked for showing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at both the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen and the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco for a two day engagement, starting next Saturday.

VALLEY SCREEN CALENDAR

CAPITOL THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Lew Ayres, Laraine Day and Lionel Barrymore in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis" with Robert Young.

CHRISTMAS EVE 9 O'CLOCK SHOW: Gloria Jean and Robert Stack in "A Little Bit Of Heaven" with Hugh Herbert, Stuart Erwin, Eugene Pallette.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr in "Comrade X" with Oscar Homolka, Felix Bressart and Eve Arden.

FOUR DAYS STARTING SATURDAY: Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll in Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" with Paulette Goddard, Robert Preston, George Bancroft and Lynne Overman. Filmed in Technicolor.

QUEEN THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY: George Raft and Ann Sheridan in "They Drive By Night" with Humphrey Bogart.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: The Story of the Life of Christ presented in the "Passion Play."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Dennis O'Keefe and Constance Moore in "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now" with Helen Parrish and Lewis Howard.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Bob Steele and Bob Livingston in "Under Texas Skies" with Rufe Davis.

RIVOLI THEATRE, SAN BENITO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in "Bitter Sweet" with Felix Bressart. Filmed in Technicolor.

TUESDAY ONLY: Ann Shirley and James Ellison in "Anne Of Windy Poplars."

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT SHOW: Wayne Morris and Rosemary Lane in "Ladies Must Live."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Alice Faye, Jackie Oakie, Betty Grable and John Payne in "Tin Pan Alley" with Allen Jenkins.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Lucille Ball and Richard Carlson in George Abbott's "Too Many Girls" with Ann Miller.

ARCADIA THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Groucho, Harpo and Chico Marx in "Go West" with John Carroll and Diana Lewis.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT SHOW: Franchot Tone, Peggy Moran, Warren William in "Trail Of The Vigilantes" with Brod Crawford, Mischa Auer and Andy Devine.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr in "Comrade X" with Oscar Homolka, Felix Bressart and Eva Arden.

FOUR DAYS STARTING SATURDAY: Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll in Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" with Paulette Goddard, Robert Preston, George Bancroft and Lynne Overman. Filmed in Technicolor.

RIALTO THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: The Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Friendly Neighbors."

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Reginald Gardiner, Terry Kilburn and Ann Rutherford in Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol," with Gene Lockhart.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Gloria Jean and Robert Stack in "A Little Bit Of Heaven" with Hugh Herbert, Stuart Erwin, Eugene Pallette and Billy Gilbert.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Roy Rogers and Jacqueline Wells in "Young Bill Hickok" with George "Gabby" Hayes.

STRAND THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Rosalind Russell, Virginia Bruce and Brian Aherne in "Hired Wife" with Robert Benchley.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Lew Ayres, Laraine Day and Lionel Barrymore in "Dr. Kildare Goes Home" with Nat Pendleton.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy in "Boom Town" with Claudette Colbert, Hedy Lamarr and Frank Morgan.

SATURDAY ONLY: "El Tiempos De Don." (Spanish Language Film.)

STATE THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall and James Stephenson.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Judy Garland and George Murphy in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Charles Winninger.

STARTS SATURDAY: Kay Kyser and His Band in "You'll Find Out" with Peter Lorre, Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Helen Parrish and Ginny Simms.

REX THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY ONLY: George Brent in "Adventures in Diamonds" with Isa Miranda.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Wayne Morris and Rosemary Lane in "An Angel From Texas."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Dennis Morgan in James Oliver Curwood's "River's End."

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Charles Starrett in "Thundering Frontier."

RITZ THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Judy Garland and George Murphy in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Charles Winninger.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Kay Kyser and His Band in "You'll Find Out" with Peter Lorre, Bela Lugosi, Boris Karloff and Ginny Simms.

STARTS SATURDAY: Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr in "Comrade X" with Felix Bressart, Eve Arden and Oscar Homolka.

GEM THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY ONLY: The Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Grand Old Opry."

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Martha Raye and Charlie Ruggles in "The Farmer's Daughter."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Richard Dix in "Cherokee Strip" with Florence Rice.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: The Three Mesquiteers in "Trail Blazers."

PALACE THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY: Judy Garland and George Murphy in George M. Cohan's "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Charles Winninger.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT PREVIEW: Kay Kyser and His Band in "You'll Find Out" with Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Peter Lorre and Ginny Simms.

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QUEEN THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY ONLY: The Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Grand Old Opry."

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Anne Shirley and James Ellison in "Anne Of Windy Poplars."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Gene Autry, Ann Miller and Jimmy Durante in "Melody Ranch" with George "Gabby" Hayes, Mary Lee and Barton MacLane.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Three Men From Texas" with Andy Clyde and Russell Hayden.

Current Films

LAUGHING DAYS are here again! The Marx Brothers, Groucho, Harpo and Chico, are on the loose again in their newest melody and gag-laden tornado of hilarity "Go West" which is currently showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

Laid in the old west of the 1870s the film rushes from one situation to another with the speed of a pony express rider with the story and parts of the musical score carried by handsome John Carroll and cuties Diana Lewis and June McCloy and the skullduggery handled by Robert Barrat, Walter Woolf King and George Lessey.

From the opening sequence in a railroad station where slicker Groucho is made a sucker by Chico and Harpo, right through merriment in a stagecoach, a western saloon, a parlor with three lovely charmers, an Indian village and all over the wide open spaces, clear up to a whirlwind finish on board of a rambling 1870 train, the picture is one big laugh.

ROBERT YOUNG IN NEW KILDARE FILM

THERE'S A NEW FACE in the Dr. Kildare series of pictures as Robert Young joins with Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore and Laraine Day in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis," scheduled for showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

Continuing the adventures of young Jimmy Kildare, the newest in the series tells what happens when the brother of Jimmy's fiancee turns up with symptoms of epilepsy just in time to break up the wedding plans of Jimmy and Mary. But Dr. Gillespie straightens the whole thing out for them.

Nat Pendleton, Walter Kingsford, Alma Kruger and Bobs Watson head the supporting cast.

"LITTLE NELLIE KELLY" IS ROMANTIC HIT

LOVELY JUDY GARLAND, who intrigued and charmed millions in "Strike Up The Band" and many other lilting musicals, wins new laurels for her excellent acting ability in the picturization of George M. Cohan's romantic musical hit "Little Nellie Kelly," which is booked for current showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at both the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco, and the Palace Theatre in McAllen, and at the State Theatre in Mercedes, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

POPULAR CO-STARS SEEN IN NEW FILM

THE MUSIC of Noel Coward finds its perfect interpreters in Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in the picturization of the Coward operetta "Bitter Sweet," which is booked for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

The stars were never in better voice and never sang in a more colorful setting, for the Gay Nineties period in which the story is set in brilliantly reproduced in Technicolor.

Miss MacDonald is seen as Sarah Millick, Victorian belle, who on the eve of her wedding, elopes with her singing teacher, Carl Linden, played by Eddy. Both roles are enacted with complete ease and conviction by the stars, who are called on for no exaggerated dramatics but appear entirely natural as musicians. Miss MacDonald displays her dancing ability to gay advantage and Eddy shows his musical versatility by playing piano and violin as well as leading the orchestra on occasion.

GARY COOPER IN NEW FILM

'Mounted Police' At Valley Theatres

GARY COOPER and Madeleine Carroll, cast in the sort of romantic roles which brought them to screen fame—he as Dusty Rivers, a Texas Ranger, and she as April Logan, a gallant nurse—are the starring duo who head the huge cast of Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" which is scheduled for a four-day extended engagement starting next Saturday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and the Palace Theatre in McAllen.

In keeping with the magnitude of his stars, DeMille has assembled an outstanding group of starring players. Heading the list are Paulette Goddard, cast as Louvette, fascinating, tempestuous Indian girl; and Preston Foster and Robert Preston as Sergeant Jim Brett and Ronnie Logan, Mounted Policemen. Among the others are Akim Tamiroff, as Duroc; Lynne Overman in a comedy role as Tod McDuff; George Bancroft as the chiefest heavy, Corobeau; Lon Chaney, Jr., as a half-breed Metis; and Walter Hampden as Chief Big Bear.

Always one to choose an important theme for his pictures, DeMille has elected to demonstrate the fortitude and courage of the Mounted in this picture. As a basis for his plot, he has selected the famous Riel incident—the attempt of one Louis Riel, played by Francis McDonald in the picture, and thousands of half-breeds under his leadership to run the Mounted Police out of Canada and to govern themselves.

'THE THREE MESQUITEERS'

A new Three Mesquiteers, Bob Steele, Bob Livingston and Rufe Davis appear in "Under Texas Skies' which is showing Friday and Saturday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

'A Christmas Carol' At Rialto Theatre

The finest story of the Yuletide season, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, comes to the screen of the Rialto Theatre in Harlingen for showing Monday and Tuesday. Important roles are played by Reginald Gardiner, Terry Kilburn, Gene Lockhart and Ann Rutherford.

"A Christmas Carol" is a film that you will long remember and which will bring you laughs, tears, heartugs and the real meaning of Christmas.

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THE WEAVER BROTHERS AND ELVIRY IN "GRAND OLD OPRY"

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QUEEN BROWNSVILLE
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GEORGE RAFT IN "THEY DRIVE BY NIGHT" WITH ANN SHERIDAN

RIALTO HARLINGEN
SUNDAY ONLY
THE WEAVER BROTHERS AND ELVIRY IN "FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS"

STRAND HARLINGEN
SUNDAY ONLY
ROSALIND RUSSELL IN "HIRED WIFE" WITH VIRGINIA BRUCE BRIAN AHERNE

QUEEN McALLEN
SUNDAY ONLY
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YOUR KING AND QUEEN OF SONG... In Their Great New TECHNICOLOR Sensation!
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Crowded with romance and adventure! Gay with songs of love and laughter! Noel Coward wrote it! Ziegfeld staged it! Now it's M-G-M's most spectacular screen hit!
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SONGS: "The Call of Life" · "Tokay" · "What Is Love" · "I'll See You Again" · "If You Could Only Come With Me" · "Love In Any Language"
Photographed in TECHNICOLOR with George SANDERS · Ian HUNTER · Felix BRESSART
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SUNDAY thru Tuesday
WESTWARD HO! HO! HO! WITH THE MARXMEN AT THEIR FUNNIEST!
More laughs...more gals...more song hits... more romance and spectacle...the funniest picture they have ever made!
GROUCHO CHICO HARPO
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5 BIG SONG HITS! "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water" · "Woodpecker Song" · "As If I Didn't Know" · "You Can't Argue With Love" · "Ridin' the Range"
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Directed by Edward Buzzell
Produced by Jack Cummings
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Young Dr. Kildare's most baffling case... and his greatest romantic adventure! All new! All thrill!
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"I've never loved you as much as I do now, Jimmy ... but I can't let you marry me!"
Dr. KILDARE'S Crisis
LEW AYRES with LIONEL BARRYMORE
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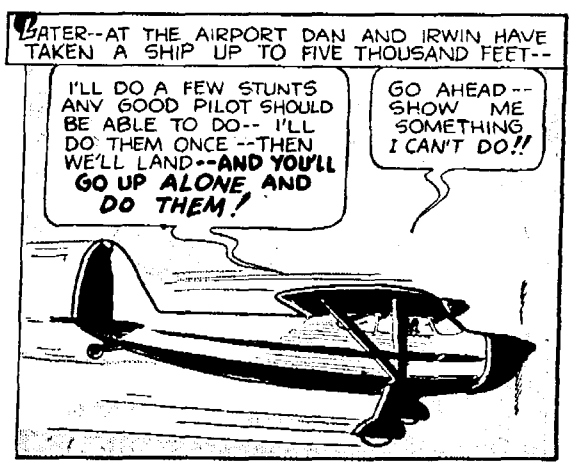

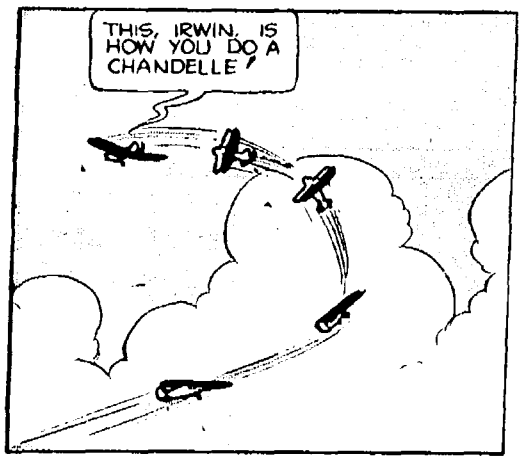

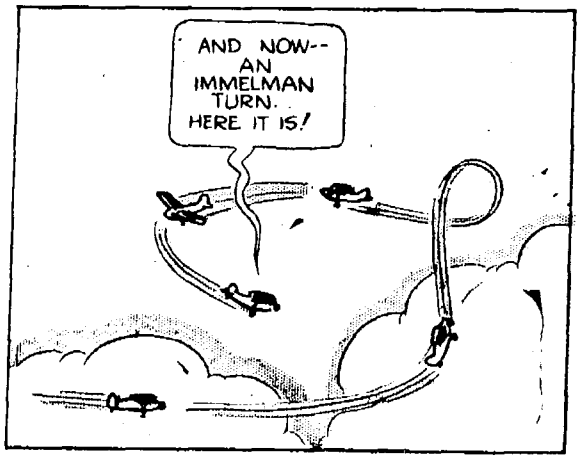

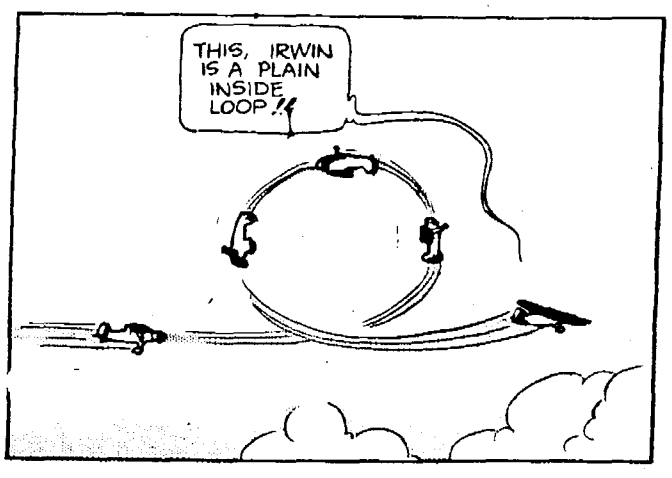

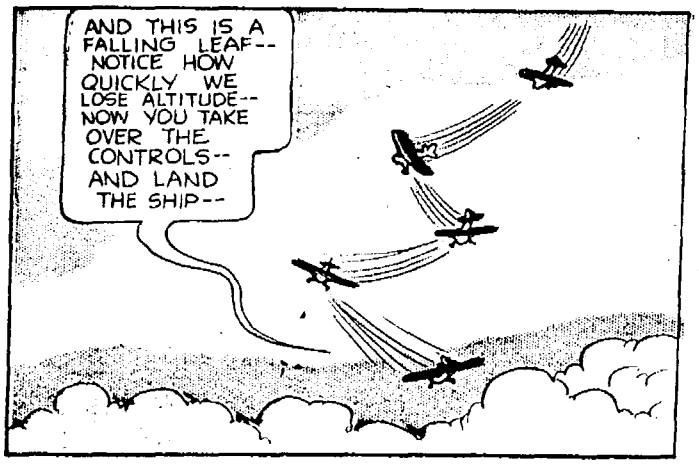

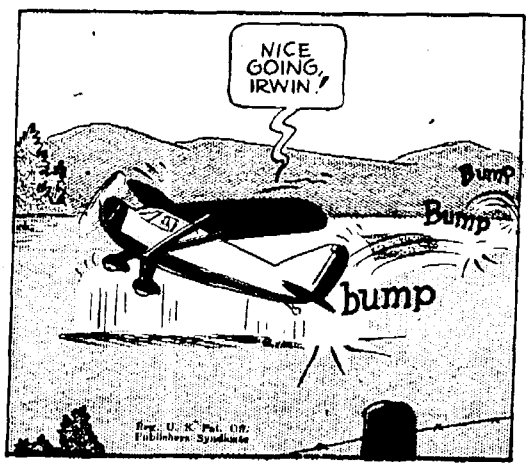

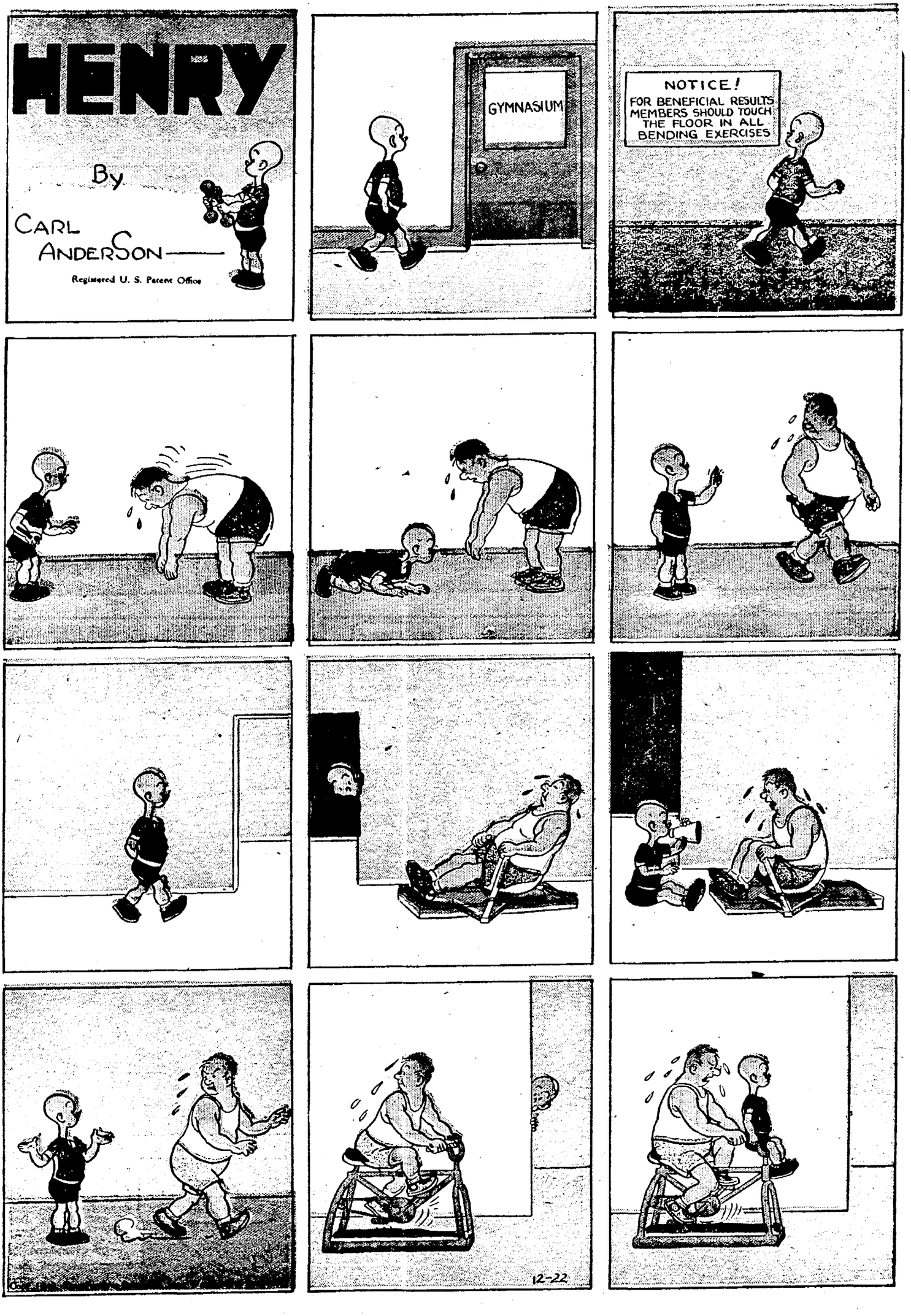
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CAPTAIN EASY BY ROY CRANE

DO YOU REMEMBER WASH AND EASY'S FRIEND, TWO-FISTED, CIGAR-SMOKING LULU BELLE?

THE WINNAH!

FOR SIXTEEN YEARS SHE WAS A CIRCUS STRONG WOMAN AND THE UNDISPUTED FEMALE BOXING CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

SCAT! YOU GAMBLERS!

KA-POW!

POW!

LATER, SHE BECAME SHERIFF OF A TOUGH OIL TOWN — AND A WHALE OF A GOOD SHERIFF SHE WAS, TOO....

.... UNTIL SHE MET C. HOLLIS WALLIS!

OH, HOLLY! NOBODY AIN'T BRUNG ME ANY FLOWERS SINCE JO-JO, THE TATTOOED WONDER!

FOR YOU, MY PET!

BUT C. HOLLIS WALLIS BROKE HER HEART WHEN HE RAN OFF WITH A WIDOW-WOMAN, AND LULU BELLE LIMPED HOME TO MAMA

I MIGHTA KNOWED IT WAS — SNIFF — TOO BEAUTIFUL TO LAST

STUFF'N NONSENSE, GAL! YOU AIN'T GOT SENSE ENOUGH TO KNOW WHEN YER WELL OFF! HOW MANY TIMES I GOTTER TELL YOU THAT MEN IS A MANGY PACK OF WUTHLESS, LAZY LOAFERS, JEST LIKE YER PAW, WAITIN' FER THE DINNER BELL? GO WASH THE DISHES! AFTER THAT YOU KIN DO THE WASHIN', MILKIN', CHURNIN', WEED THE TURNIPS, AN' MEND THE FENCE

YES'M

WHEN COMPLICATIONS AROSE

THEY'S TOO MANY FER ONE HOUSE

I'M TIRED SLEEPIN' FOUR IN A BED

EITHER THE MEN FOLKS HAS GOTTER BUILD AN ADDITION, ER SOMEBUDDY'S GOTTER GIT OUT

WE'LL TAKE A VOTE, BOYS. ALL IN FAVOR OF BUILDIN' AN ADDITION WHICH'LL REQUIRE WORK, SAY "AYE"

NO! NO! NO!

THAT SETTLES IT. WE'LL DRAW STRAWS TO SEE WHO GITS OUT

LULU BELLE LOSES!! SHE'S GOTTER GIT OUT

BUT LULER BELLE! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WOT EVER DONE A LICK OF WORK

SHE'S A CAREER WOMAN

SHE KIN SEND US MONEY

BUT ALL HAS NOT BEEN A BED OF ROSES WITH LULU BELLE. MONTHS HAVE PASSED. UNKNOWN TO WASH AND EASY, SHE'S BROKE AND HUNGRY IN THE VERY TOWN THEY ARE IN

Roy Crane 12-22

ALLEY OOP

MY STARS! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT MADE OOP DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT... AND WHERE DID HE GO?

MAYBE IT WAS THAT MAGIC BELT HE WAS WEARING

NONSENSE! THAT CLOSED SWITCH IS THE ANSWER! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS MAGIC!

PERHAPS NOT, BUT THAT SWITCH DID NOT CLOSE UNTIL AFTER HE'D SAID HE WISHED HE WAS BACK IN EGYPT!

T M REG U S PAT OFF.

DANGED IF I CAN FIGGER WHY SO MANY CRAZY THINGS HAFTA HAPPEN TO ME!

BUT ANYHOW, I'VE GOT ACROSS THIS CRICK

I BETCHA CLEOPATRA WILL BE GLAD T'SEE ME AGAIN... HOPE SHE'S GOT PLENTY OF GROCERIES ON HAND... I AIN'T ET FOR QUITE SOME SPELL!

ALEXANDRIA AT LAST! IT WON'T BE LONG NOW

MY GOSH! LOOKIT EVERYBODY RUBBER! AIN'T THEY EVER SEEN ANYBODY WITH MUD ON 'EM BEFORE!

HMM... SEEMS T'BE LOTSA FOLKS AROUND TH' PALACE TONIGHT... I GUESS MEBBE I BETTER ENTER TH' GROUNDS SOME OTHER WAY THAN BY TH' MAIN GATE

TAIN'T THAT I'M SCARED OF ANYBODY, BUT BEIN' KINDA MUDDY LIKE I AM, I'D RATHER NOT ATTRACT ATTENTION TO MYSELF!

BESIDES, IT MIGHT CAUSE CLEOPATRA A BIT OF EMBARRASSMENT

NOW THAT I'M IN, I RECKON I MIGHT AS WELL BUST RIGHT ON INTO TH' PALACE...

...BUT SHUX, I'M PRETTY MUCH OF A MESS T'GO CALLIN' ON A QUEEN! GEE, I **WISH** I COULD MEET UP WITH SOME GUY I COULD SWAP DUDS WITH!

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FOOZY'S FOOLOSOPHIES

SURE YOU'VE GOT TROUBLES, LOTS OF 'EM, A REG'LAR PARADE: BUT I BET IF YOU KNEW YER NEIGHBOR'S LOAD, YOU WOULDN'T TRADE!

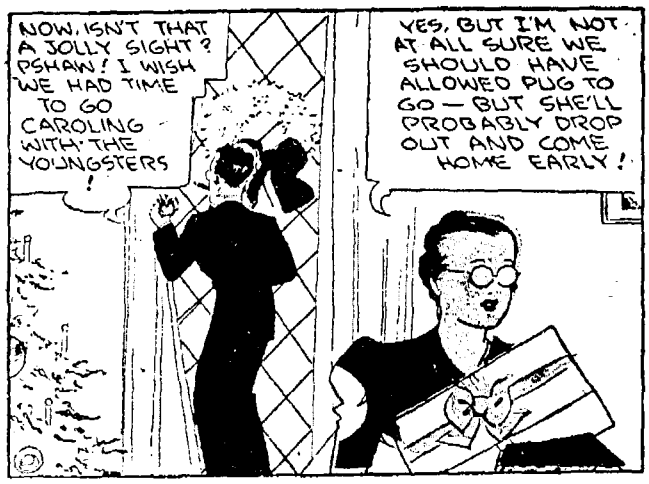
THE WEATHER THIS WEEK... BECAUSE OF A LACK OF SNOW IN SOME LOCALITIES, OLD SANTA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DELIVER BY PLANE INSTEAD OF THE OLD SLEIGH AND REINDEER COMBINATION

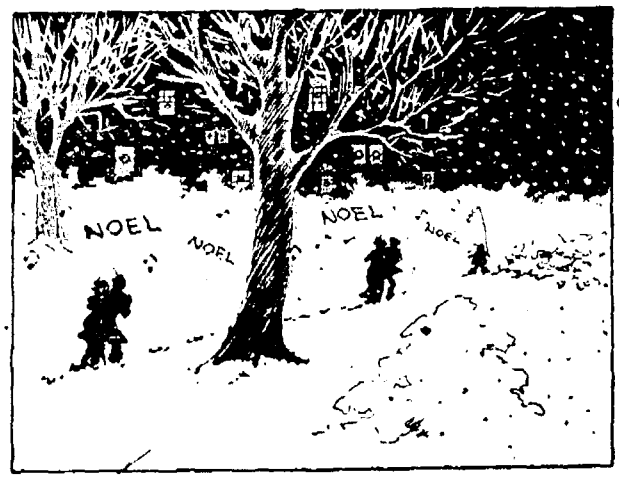
Give the Family a Treat. Take a Quart Home

KREE MEE ICE CREAM

IT'S DELICIOUS — IT'S DELIGHTFUL

Make Your Party a Success. Serve temptingly flavored Kree Mee





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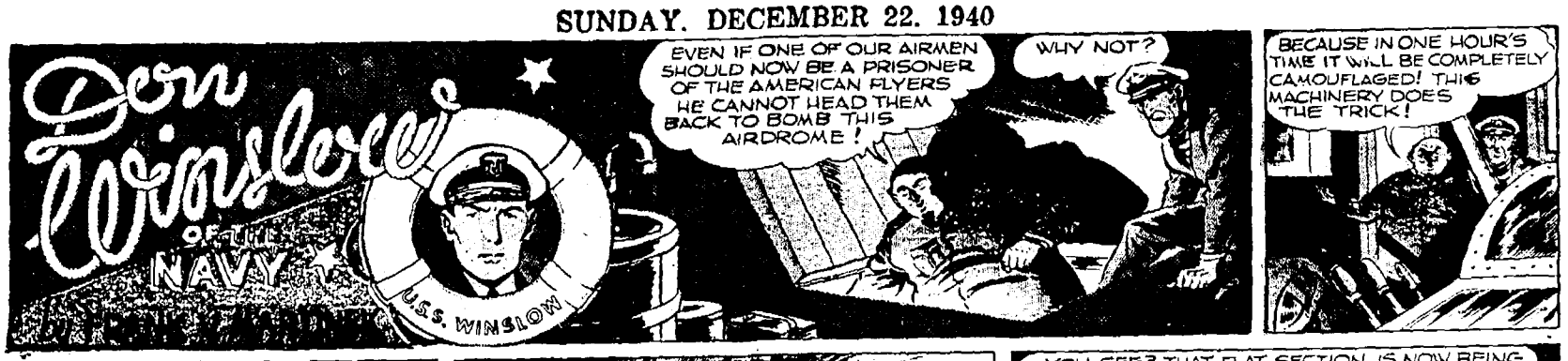
KREE MEE Your children will always ask for KREE Mee ICE CREAM and they can't get too much for their active, healthful young bodies, KREE MEE DOUBLE DIP CONES or 5c BUCKETS will please them. Double Dip Cones

Don Winslow of the NAVY



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BILLY the BOY ARTIST has another DREAM

By Ed Payne

TOONERVILLE FOLKS

MR. GEORGE (YOU, JAW-URGE!) WORTLE

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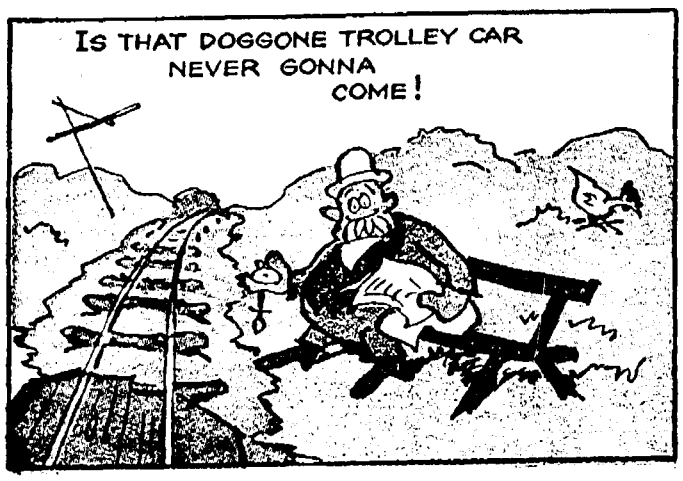

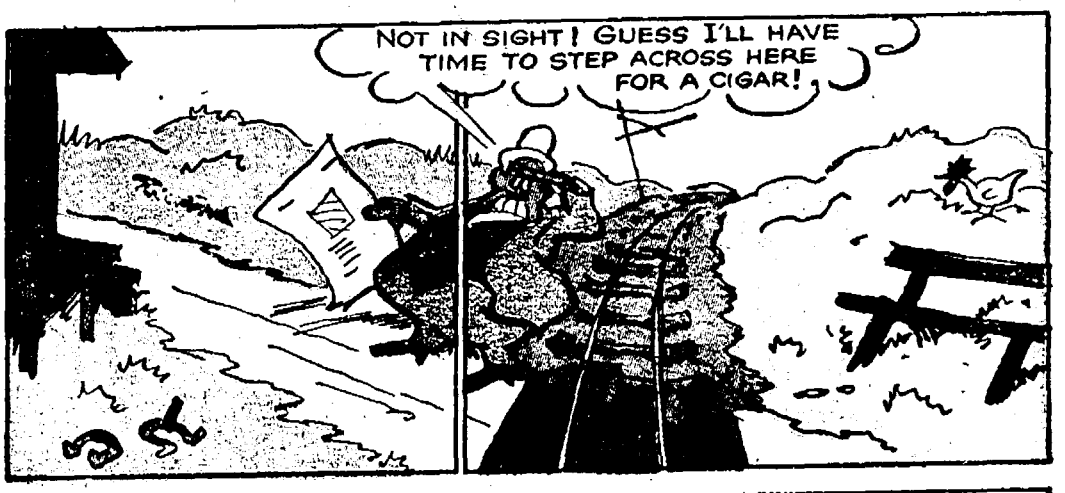

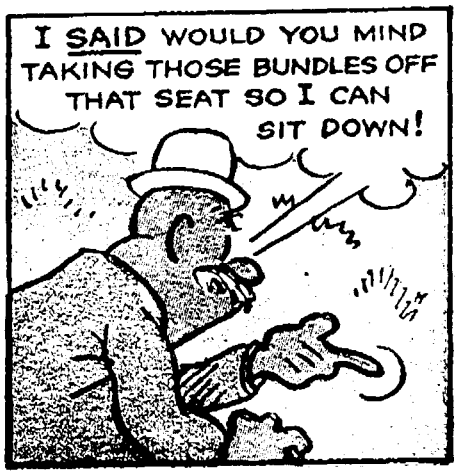

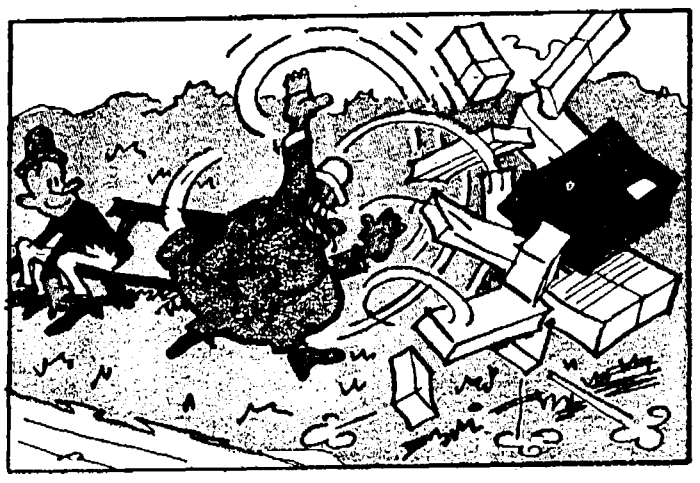

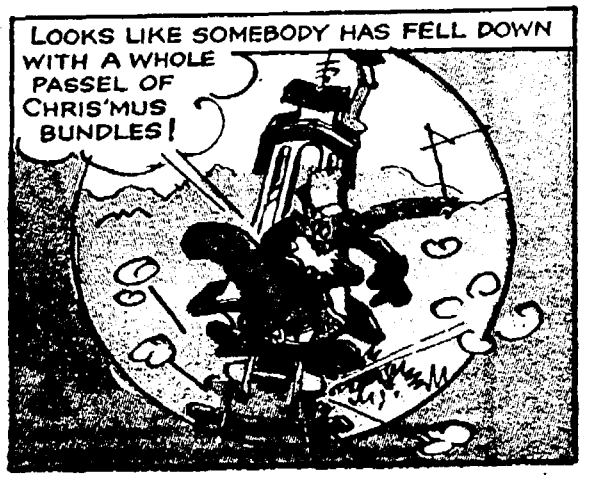

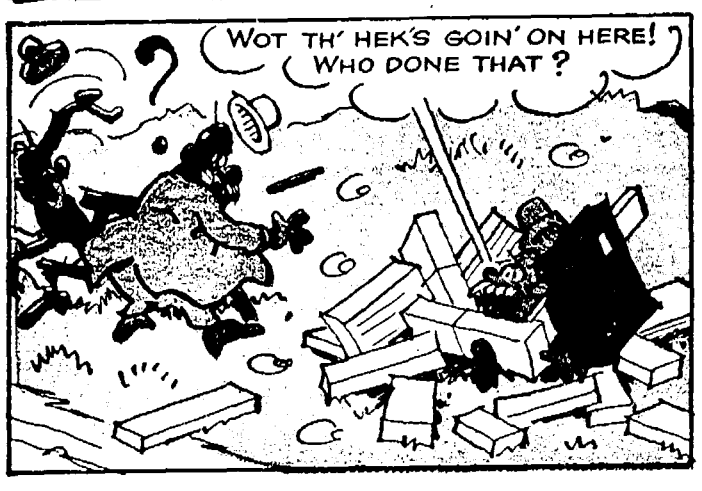

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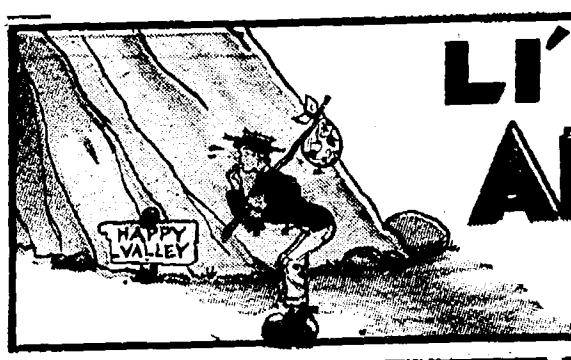

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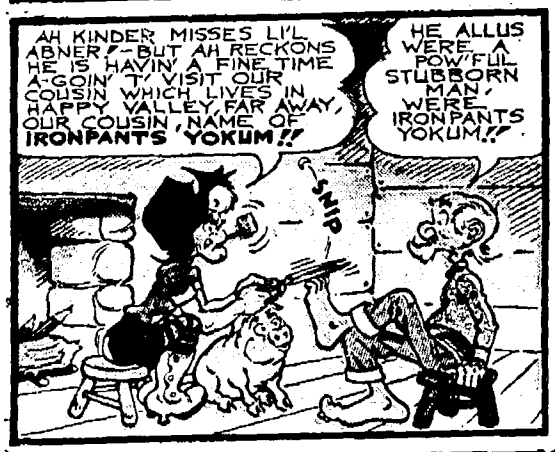

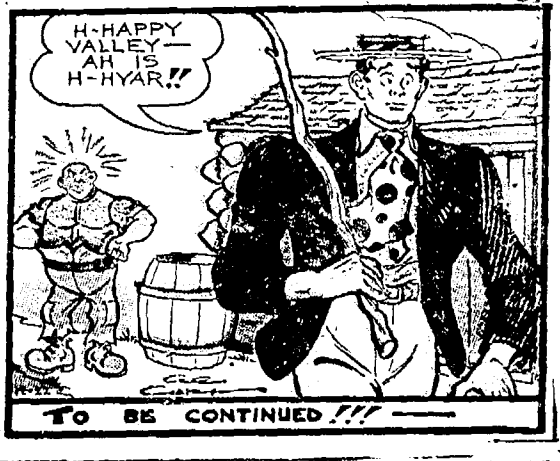

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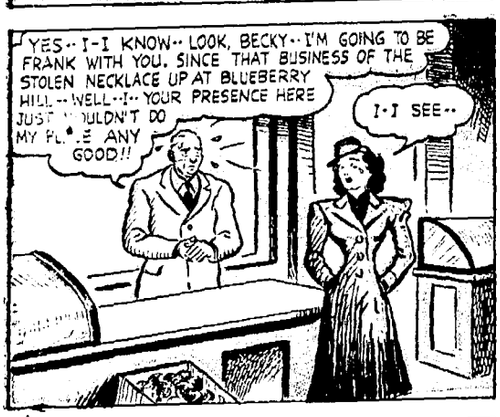

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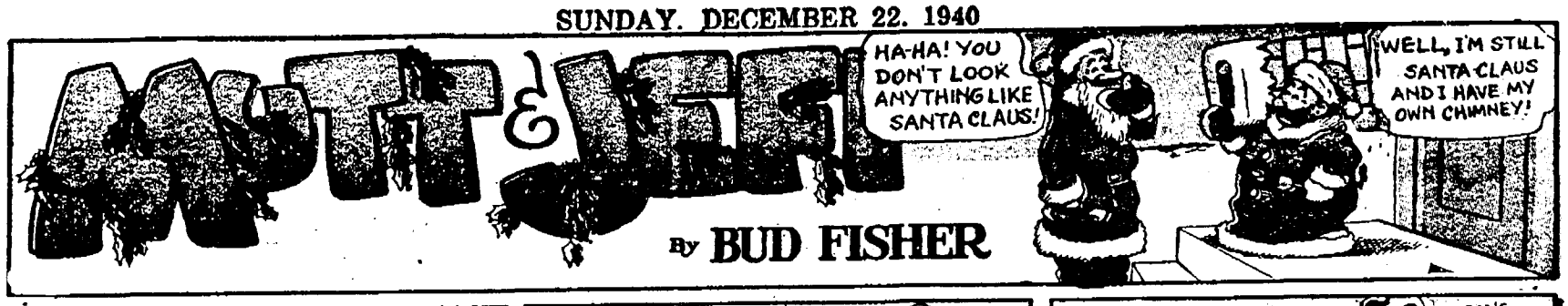

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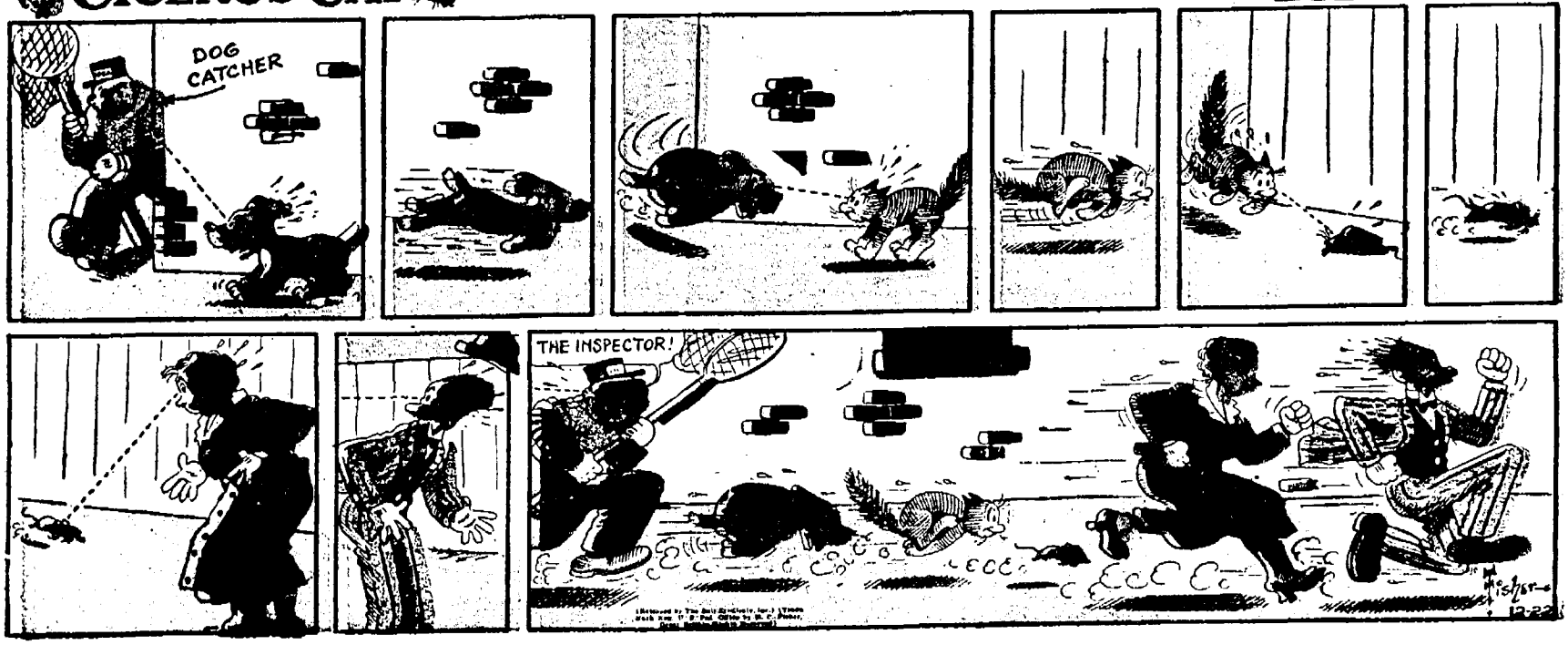

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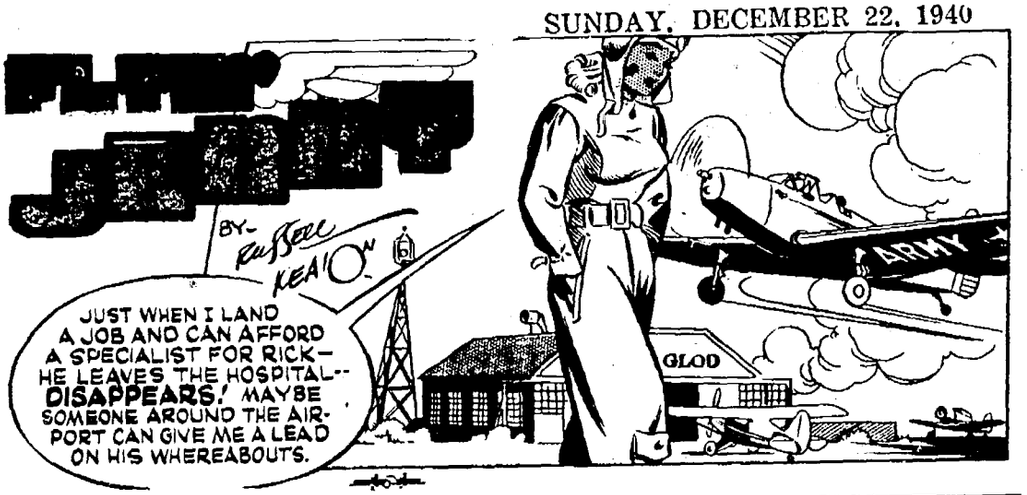

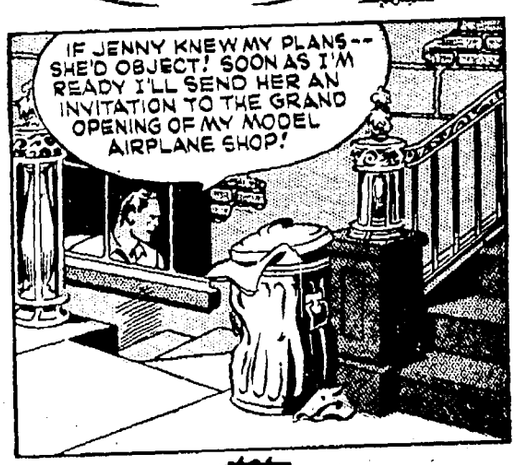

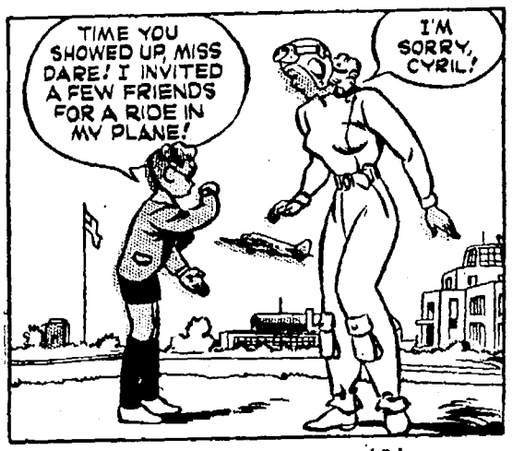

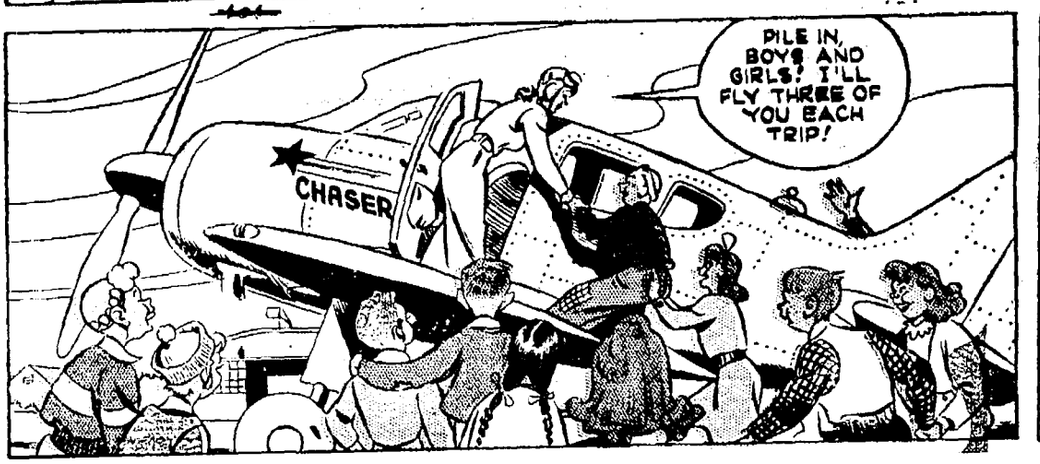

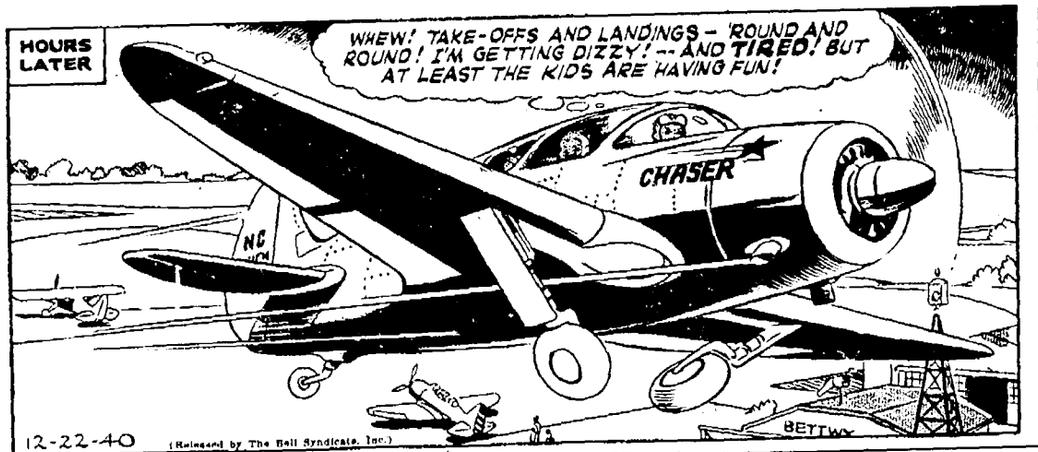

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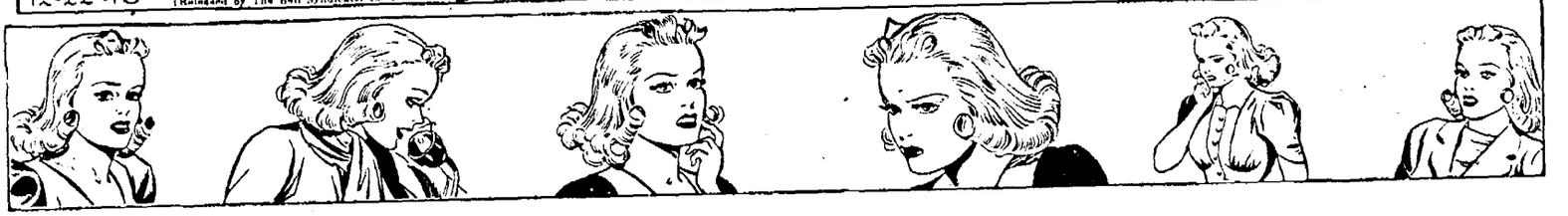

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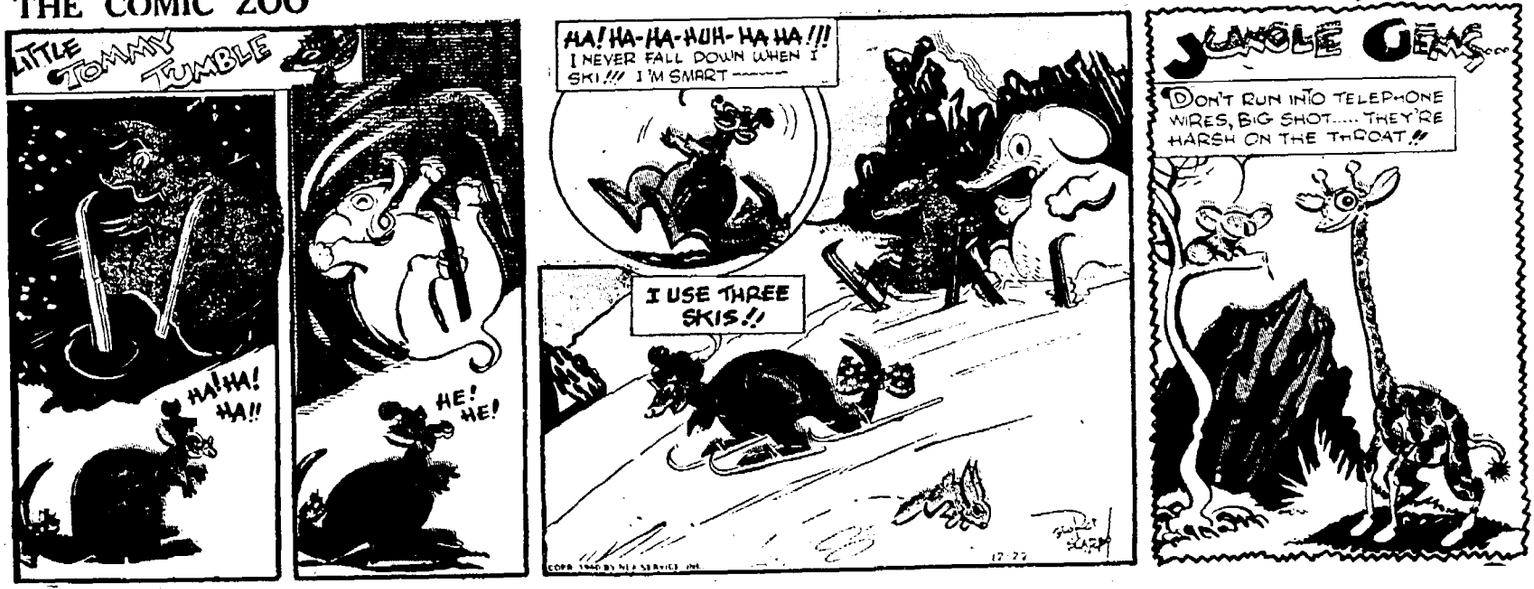

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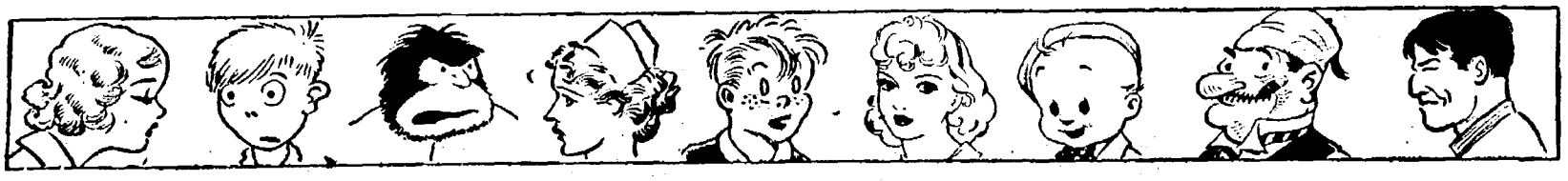

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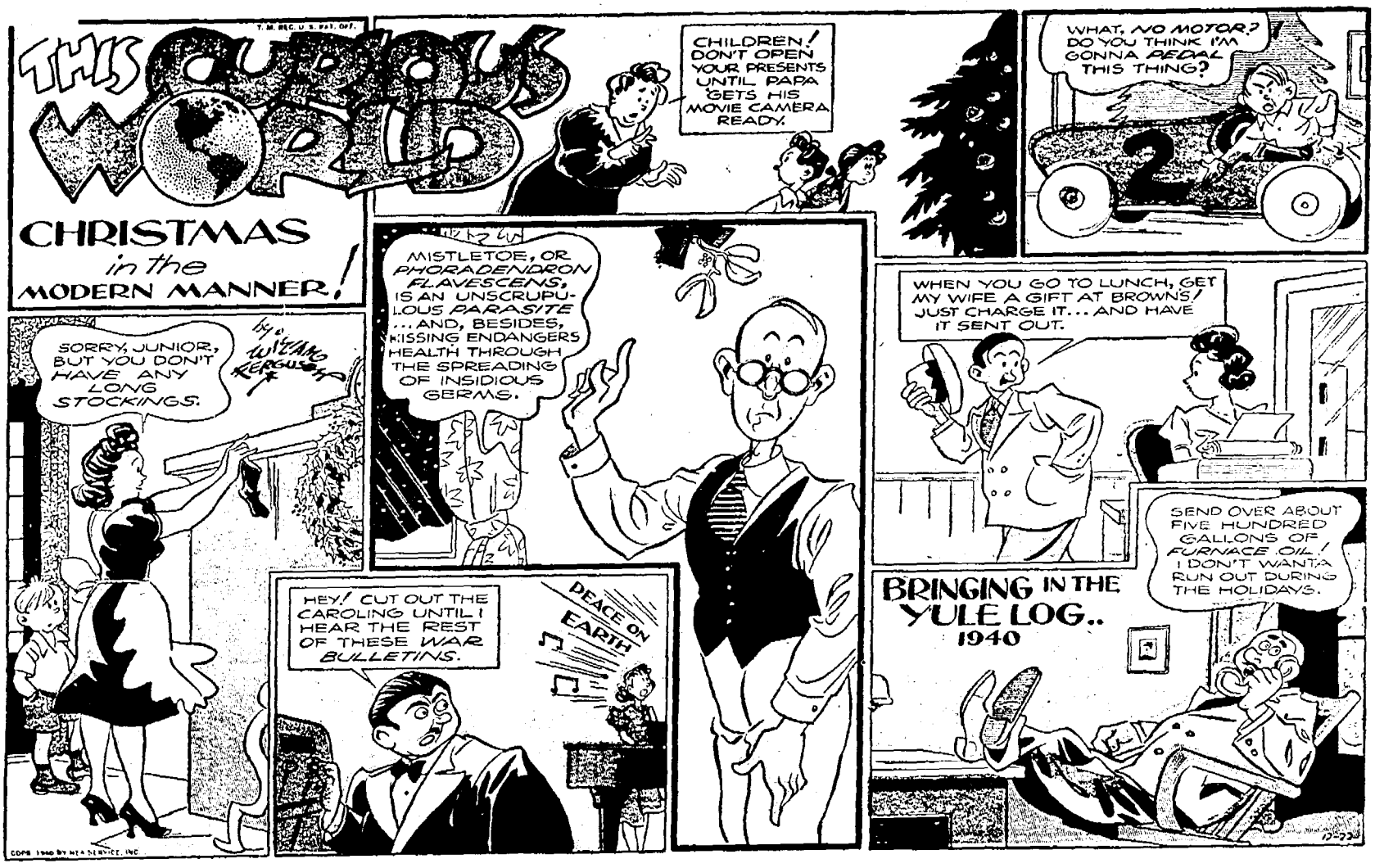

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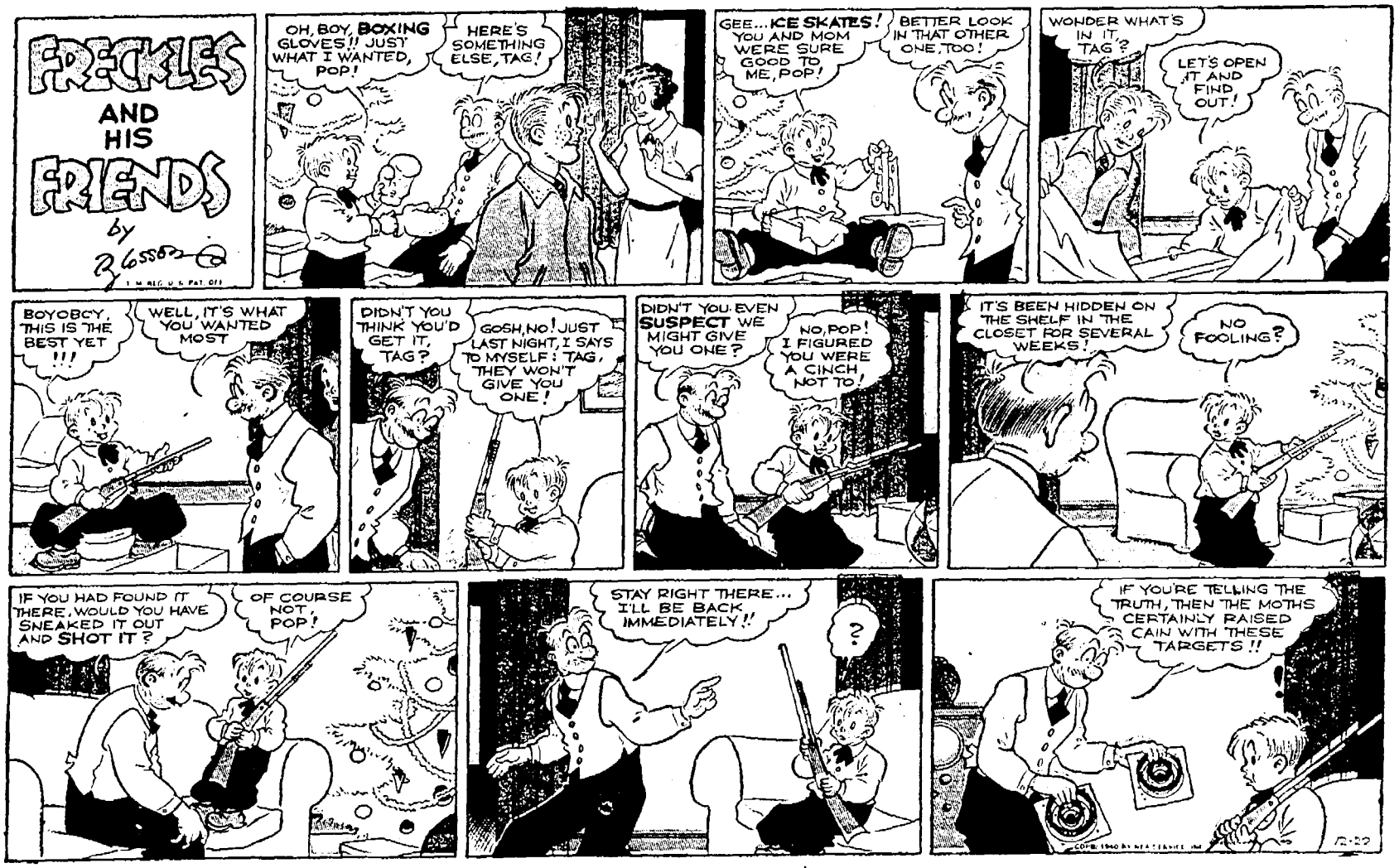

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